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Workers' living quarters discussed at Dairy Farm Arbitration session

The Dairy Farm Arbitration Tribunal, at the fifth-day session yesterday, heard statements on living quarters provided by the Dairy Farm Company for its staff at Pokfulam.

The workers' representatives told the Tribunal that the quarters provided were insanitary, overcrowded and unsatisfactory.

The Arbitrator, Professor R. Robertson, said the Tribunal had considered the advisability of going out to the Farm to see the accommodations for themselves.

Sitting with Professor Robertson were six assessors, three of whom were nominated by the Dairy Farm Company and three by the workers.

The Company's nominees were Messrs. J. R. Jones, H. R. Cleland and D. Black, while the workers' nominees were Messrs. Lau In-keung, Tong Wai and Chan Man-hon.

Mr. J. D. Thompson and Mr. G. Milne, General Manager and Secretary respectively of the Dairy Farm Company, represented the Company.

Mr. Leung Wing, Chairman of the Dairy Farm Workers' Union, Mr. Wong Kiu and Mr. Yeung Yan, were the spokesmen for the workers.

The proceedings yesterday opened with further representations made by Mr. J. D. Thompson, General Manager of the Dairy Farm Company, on the workers' household budget.

The Arbitrator suggested at the outset that it would be better if Mr. Thompson would make his representations in the form of statements and comments rather than by cross-examination.

Mr. Thompson said that referring to the survey of June 1948, the pattern of household expenditure on page 50, the budget figure submitted by Mr. Leung Wing of \$333.35 comes within category three of that pattern, and the range is \$300 and \$340.

Mr. Leung Wing asked Mr. Thompson what category of workers was concerned in this survey—whether they are in the main skilled workers, semi-skilled or unskilled. I wish to make the point that the budget to which I have referred is not related to the types of workers in this dispute, the majority of whom are in the unskilled category, and this will be substantiated later on by wage sheets and other information.

Rice ration
Mr. Leung Wing said that rice is not fit for human consumption and that only three per cent of workers in the Dairy Farm Company are in possession of rice ration cards.

With a view to finding out the exact position I have interviewed the Rice Card holders who told me that more than 1,000,000 persons are at present drawing rice ration cards, and that a further 100,000 persons are registered under a scheme of rice rationing.

Mr. Thompson then touched upon the item for rent. In the works, the item for rent is the only one which is not included in the survey.

Mr. Leung Wing has told the Tribunal that only 10 per cent of the workers concerned in this dispute occupy quarters provided by the Company. May I ask how he arrived at his conclusion? According to the analysis forms submitted by the Dairy Farm workers under the recent Registration of Persons Ordinance 1949, under which authentic information must be furnished regarding staff quarters, a total of 531 out of 1,285 workers are occupying quarters provided by the Company.

However, the total as shown on the salary sheets is 1,237 only, and it would appear that certain daily workers have been included by mistake.

If we deduct this difference of 49 from the total shown as being in occupation of quarters provided by the Company, this reduces the total number that heading to 582, which represents 47 per cent of the total of 1,237.

These figures are on file in the office and are open to inspection by members in this dispute.

Free quarters
Another point in connection with quarters to which I would like to refer is that these quarters are provided entirely free to the workers. Those occupying free quarters receive the same rates of pay as those who do not.

On the question of dependants living with workers Mr. Thompson said that 105 families living in quarters at Pokfulam have dependants living with them, while of those accommodated in free quarters elsewhere 30 families have dependants.

As regards rent paid by workers not living in free quarters Mr. Thompson said following the last meeting he had a departmental superintendent question certain members of the staff. In all eight men were questioned and they gave rent figures ranging from \$10 to \$20 a month, which gave an average of \$20.00.

Mr. Thompson was then questioned by the Assessors on the statement.

Mr. Lau In-keung, one of the workers' assessors, questioned Mr. Thompson on the figures he had given about the number of workers who had dependants living with them.

Mr. Thompson replied that the 105 families living in quarters at Pokfulam are provided with free accommodation. Mr. Thompson said that the 30 families living in quarters elsewhere are provided with free accommodation.

ary for men working at Pokfulam to live at Pokfulam.

Continuing his question Mr. Jones asked whether, in regard to other workers who must live at Pokfulam, the Company gave them assistance in finding suitable accommodation.

Family purposes
"If no quarters are given to them they have to find their own accommodation," replied Mr. Thompson.

Are the quarters provided for workers, bachelor quarters or are they adapted for reasonable family purposes? asked Mr. Jones.

Mr. Thompson replied that apart from the best accommodation at the Farm, the other might be termed bachelor quarters. However, he added, there were at least 30 workers accommodated in quarters in town, who had dependants living with them.

What proportion of these quarters are bachelor quarters and how many are married quarters? Mr. Thompson was further asked.

As I have replied, 195 of the workers have dependants living with them, and I assume that these could be classified as married quarters," he answered.

And what do these quarters consist of? asked Mr. Jones.

Mr. Thompson replied that of those at the farm, of which there were five separate blocks, each had a room plus kitchen accommodation, with outside offices.

Would you say that these quarters are adequate for a family of one wife and one child, as provided for in the workers' budget of \$333.35? asked Mr. Jones.

Mr. Thompson said that for the 105 workers I have mentioned, who have dependants living with them, they can be said to be suitable as married quarters. The others may be called bachelor quarters," replied Mr. Thompson.

And is that the reason why these quarters are given without any question from the workers' salary?

It's a very old custom, this practice of providing free quarters, a very old custom dating back to the time when early morning work was the order of the day," replied Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Jones then said these were all the questions he wanted to ask.

Cow-sheds
Mr. Lau In-keung then resumed his question.

Mr. Thompson has described the best accommodation, how about the worst? What are they like?

Mr. Thompson replied that in some cases one or two cow-sheds not in use were being used as quarters.

What is the number of these 'best accommodation' available?

Mr. Thompson said he would have to make a survey first, and he would not like to commit himself at this stage.

Mr. Chan Yu-kwan asked whether those cow-sheds were being used as living quarters because there was a shortage of accommodation at Pokfulam.

Mr. Thompson said there were no quarters and it was just a question of making the best of what was available.

Mr. Tong Wai asked if it was a fact that these quarters were without light and water, to which Mr. Thompson replied this was the case with some of them, but where water was not laid on it was within very easy access.

And are these quarters fit for workers to live in? asked Mr. Tong.

They are only too glad to have them, it seems to me," replied Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Tong then asked to what category of workers were the quarters with kitchens allotted, to which Mr. Thompson replied they were given to farm workers.

Any conditions attached to such quarters?

No conditions. They are given entirely free.

But there must be a certain class of workers who get this better accommodation, what I mean is that only farm workers are given these quarters," asked Mr. Tong.

Mr. Thompson replied that not only farm workers and sub-farmers are given these better class accommodations but also a number of cowboys and their families.

What is the larger number—the farm and sub-farmers, or the ordinary cowboys? asked Mr. Tong.

The cowboys," replied Mr. Thompson.

Nullah water
Mr. Leung Wing asked if it was a fact that the workers at Pokfulam had to nullah water, to which Mr. Thompson replied city water from the main was available.

Mr. Frank Groves leaving Colony

Mr. Frank Groves, Vice-President and General Manager, India and Far East, of the American Express, leaves Hong Kong tomorrow accompanied by Mrs. Groves by the President Polk, and will inspect the Company's offices in the Philippines, Malaya and India en route to New York via Europe.

Mr. Groves will continue to be in charge of the Indian and Far Eastern offices of the American Express Company, but will henceforth make his headquarters in New York instead of Hong Kong. He expects to be visiting the Colony at the end of the year together with the President of the Company.

Mr. Groves has been associated with India and the Far East for the last 24 years and his headquarters have been in Hong Kong since 1927, except for three and a half years' interment in Manila.

Always a keen golfer, Mr. Groves won the Colony Championship in 1937, the Hong Kong Golf Club Championship in 1940 and that of the Shek O Country Club in 1938. He was an unofficial Justice of the Peace.

Mr. and Mrs. Groves will be missed by their many friends in the Colony, who wish them a very pleasant journey and look forward to their return in only for a short visit, at the end of the year.

Bombings, blockade cause chaos in S'hai
(Continued From Page 1)

Just before they left, Nationalist planes dropped leaflets over the city, announcing a "great raid" during the Chinese New Year holidays. They do not know if this has materialised, but Shanghai, they think, will be unable to withstand many more raids.

Limit reached
The people's tide, after nine months of precipitate decline, have reached the limit, and are seeking a respite.

Several Catholic properties have been commandeered by the Communists, they said, and the Aurora University will be taken over by summer.

The Communists encouraged orphans of the Salesian Institute, run by Catholic fathers, to turn against the priests. Students of the Catholic-run College de St. Francois Xavier have dismissed three of their teachers because of "irregularities" in their educational programmes.

The arrivals said this series of happenings points to a stiffening of attitude towards missions and the cause of the Chinese New Year holidays. They do not know if this has materialised, but Shanghai, they think, will be unable to withstand many more raids.

Reminders
Today

HK Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
European YMCA, Bridge Drive, 8 p.m.

British Council sponsored lecture on English Social History "Towards the Welfare of the State" by Mr. G. B. Endacott, Council Library, 8.30 p.m.

International Affairs Study Group, "The Chinese New Year" by Dr. E. S. Kirby, PRO, Lecture Room, 8.30 p.m.

HQF Sergeants Mess, Queen's Road, East, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church annual meeting, at Church Hall, 8.30 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild meeting, 10 p.m.

Chinese YMCA film show, Bridge Street, 3 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

Coming Events
TOMORROW

Nine Dragons Services Club, Film Show, 8 p.m.

HK Art Club, Monthly Exhibition, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Admission free)

Joe H. meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

European YMCA Debating and Discussion Group meeting, Open Forum, 8.45 p.m.

British Council sponsored lecture "The Chinese New Year" by Mr. G. B. Endacott, Council Library, 8.30 p.m.

European YMCA Women's Section, Whist Drive, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY
Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

British Council weekly film show, 10 p.m.

Tragic death of Mr. V.G. MacDonald recalled at inquest

The circumstances surrounding the tragic death of Mr. V. G. MacDonald, Assistant United Kingdom Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong, who died almost two years ago, were recalled yesterday at an inquest into his death at the Kowloon Magistracy with Mr. James Wicks sitting as Coroner.

Mr. MacDonald, who was returning from a cruise to Ping Chau Island aboard his yacht, the "Felix Valens," with his wife and a friend, Mr. Pierre De Jong, on June 27, 1948, was drowned off Green Island when he fell overboard while attempting to fit an outboard motor to his craft.

His body was never recovered.

Mr. De Jong, accountant, in evidence said that at 11.30 a.m. on June 27, 1948, he and Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald left Causeway Bay aboard the Felix Valens for a cruise to Ping Chau Island where they anchored off shore until shortly after 8 p.m. when they started to return to Hong Kong.

When near Green Island the outboard motor broke down and was carried aboard for repairs. A tiller was replaced and after repairs to the motor, the tiller was taken out.

While Mr. De Jong was taking the tiller along the side of the craft toward the bow, Mr. MacDonald was trying to refit the motor in its place. When he was at the motor, he heard a splash and turned around and saw deceased in the water. The outboard motor also went overboard.

Witness said that Mr. MacDonald had to him as he was taking the tiller to the bow. "Be careful that you don't fall in."

Witness said that Mr. MacDonald appeared to be treading water and that the next thing he did was to throw him a rope but that deceased was not able to grab hold of it. Deceased was about 30 feet from the yacht.

Died in
Meanwhile, he called out to Mr. MacDonald who was in the cabin at the time and asked him to help work the boat around. Then he said, he put out a paddle in an attempt to reach Mr. MacDonald.

De Jong said that at one stage deceased could have grabbed the paddle had he swam a few paces but he made no attempt to do so.

Witness continued that seeing something wrong, he dived into the water and swam up to him. He grabbed hold of him, shook

him and told him to take off his clothes but he not no response. Deceased, he said, seemed to be stunned. He said that he held him while trying to swim on his back.

Witness said that by this time he had swallowed a large amount of water himself and that he noticed a strong tide and winds and the yacht began to drift farther apart. He continued that he finally could not hold him and deceased slipped from his hands. Deceased disappeared.

After swimming around the spot for sometime, he struck off toward Green Island and was picked up by a patroling sampun before he reached the island.

In reply to a question by the Coroner, witness said that he met Mr. MacDonald only two days before the accident.

Police search
The Felix Valens was also towed to Green Island by a junk where witness rejoined Mrs. MacDonald.

Sub-inspector G. N. Davitt, who was on board Police Launch No. 12 about 500 yards to the North West of Green Island at 6.30 p.m., said that he was hailed by the yacht and the incident was reported to him.

Inspector Davitt said that he searched the area for about three quarters of an hour but found no trace of the body.

He returned to the scene aboard the launch after discharging Mrs. MacDonald and Mr. De Jong at Blake Pier and towed the yacht to the Kowloon Yacht Club.

He said that he continued to search the area until 9 p.m. but still found no trace of Mr. MacDonald's body. He added that the body was never found.

At the time of Mr. MacDonald's death, he was 41 years old and had come to Hong Kong from England only five months previously.

Hearing was adjourned until 9.30 this morning.

Seven Chinese were fined \$15 by Mr. A. D. Scholtes at Central yesterday when they pleaded guilty to a charge of discharging firecrackers.

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(1) "That the Authorised Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of H.K.\$5,000,000.00 divided into 500,000 shares of H.K.\$10.00 each (of which 300,000 shares have been issued) to H.K.\$10,000,000.00 by the creation of 500,000 additional shares of H.K.\$10.00 each and that the unissued shares of the Company's Capital and such additional shares as aforesaid shall be issued at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit."

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

J. S. C. NEEL,
General Manager & Secretary.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1950.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Telephone House, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 14th March, 1950, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1949, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, the 28th February, 1950, to Tuesday, the 14th March, 1950, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th March 1950 to the 18th March 1950 both days inclusive during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS
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Hongkong, February 14, 1950.

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Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, 17th March, 1950, at 12.20 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purposes of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following as a Special Resolution, viz:—

"That the Authorised Capital of the Company (which is now \$1,000,000.00 consisting of 100,000 Shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each, of which 80,000 Shares have been issued) be increased to \$2,000,000.00 by the creation of 1,000,000 additional Shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each, and that such Shares be issued at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Board of Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit."

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 21, 1950.

NOTICE

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY OF HONG KONG

ST. PATRICK'S DAY 17TH MARCH 1950

The Society's St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance will be held in the "Grippe" Hong Kong Hotel, on Friday, 17th March, 1950.

A circular giving the fullest details will shortly be received by members, but in the event of non-delivery, members are requested to apply to the Hon. Secretary for further copies.

Early application for invitations should be made as numbers will be strictly limited. All applications must reach the Hon. Secretary before the 10th March, 1950.

All Irishmen and women, and persons of Irish Association not yet members are cordially invited to join the Society. Membership application forms may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

DENIS G. SHERIFF
Hon. Secretary
P.O. Box 615

Feb. 20, 1950.

U.S.R.C.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 8th March. All members are invited to attend.

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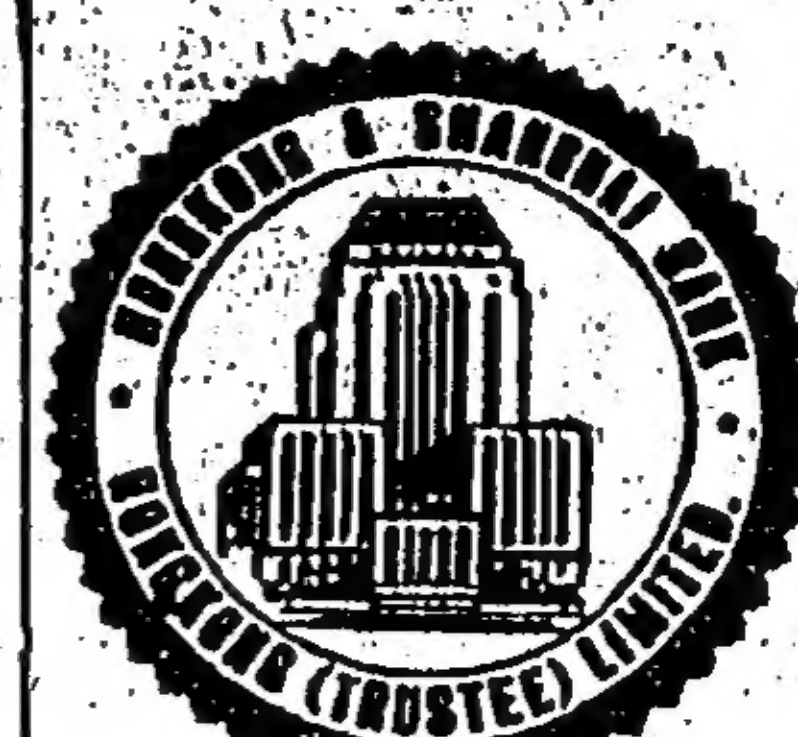
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S K 8
H A Q 10 5 3
D A K 6 4
C J 8

S J 7 5 2
H 7 6 2
D Q J 9 7 2
C 7

S 9 3
H K J 8 4
D 10 8 5 3
C K 8 4

S A Q 10 8 4
H 9
D None
C A Q 10 9 6 3 2

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable)

	North	East	South	West
1. H	Pass	2 C	Pass	
2. D	Pass	2 S	Pass	
3. H	Pass	3 S	Pass	
4. H	Pass	3 C	Pass	
5. D	Pass	3 S	Pass	

That presents probably the best and the worst bidding done at any of the tables on this social duplicate deal. Note how South's use of a mere 2-Clubs, a new suit and therefore a one-time force, enabled the pair to keep the bidding low enough so that North completed the story of his distribution with a call below the

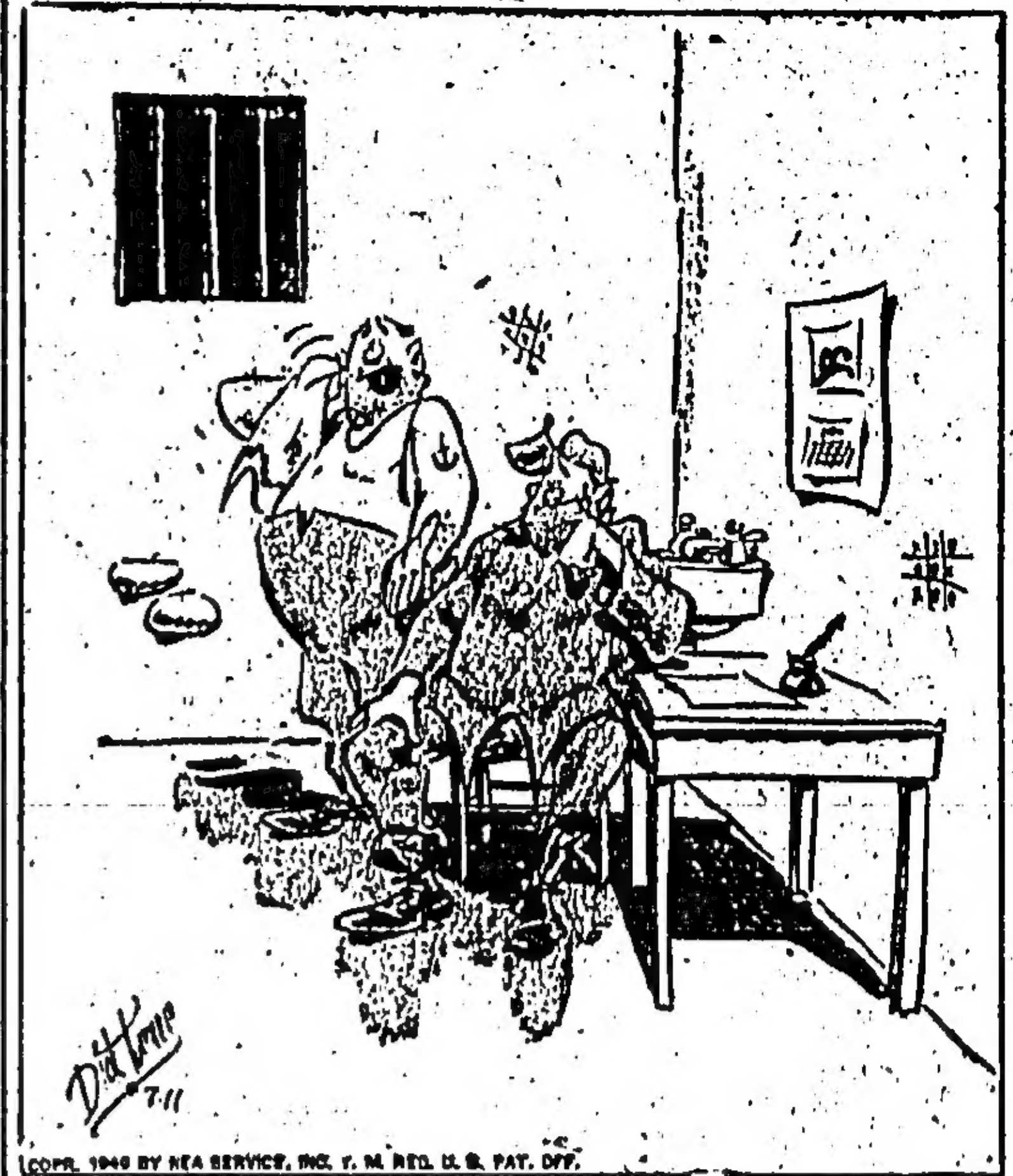
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game level. His rebid of 3-Hearts made—it clear to South that he held five of that suit and only four diamonds. It was easy then for South to show with 3-Spades that he had at least five spades and that his clubs were still longer since he bid them first.

North, at Table 1, realising that the higher-ranking bid of spades at that level showed pretty good stuff, hopped straight into the small slam, knowing his two clubs were enough support for a six-card suit. A bidder South might then have taken it into grand slam, which was made when the trump finesse worked.

Note how the 3-Clubs call by South at Table 2 crowded himself later. Fearing a total misfit, when he heard the 4-Hearts, he wouldn't take a chance of forcing the contract higher, so passed. As it happened, only 4-Hearts were made, and he was proud of himself until he saw the score sheet with others in the successful club slam.

Tomorrow's Problem:
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H J 10 6 5
D K 7 4
C 6 2

S 10
H A 9 8 7
D Q 10
C A K Q

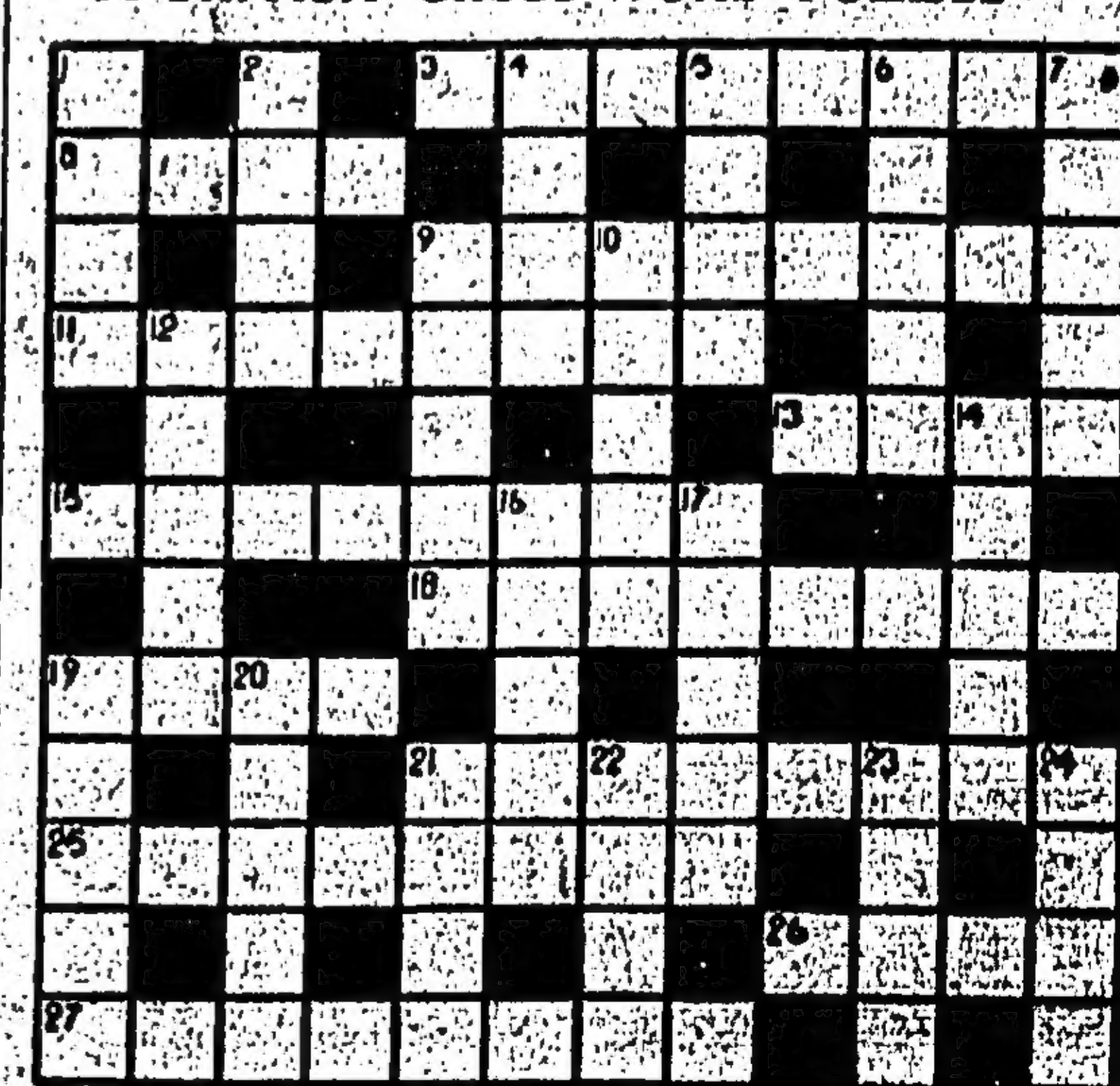
N S J 8 3
H None
D J 9 8 6
C 10 9 8 3

S A Q 6 5 2
H K Q 4 3 2
D A 2
C J

(Dealer: West. East-West, vulnerable)

After West bids 1-Club, South the bidding low enough so that North completed the story of his distribution with a call below the

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Across
3. Panic flight.
6. Hastened.
9. Being.
11. Lark.
13. English river.
16. Word puzzle.

18. Takes cover.
19. Puff.
21. Clutching.
25. Direction.
26. Stable.
27. Discarded.

Down
1. Cast.
2. Bound.
4. Sharp.
5. Tasting.
8. Beverage.
10. Discharge.
12. Choke.
14. Cranny.
17. Uncanny.
20. Burpee.
22. Knighthood.

10. Spine.
17. Shut.
19. False.
20. Willow.
21. Catch one's breath.
22. Flank.
23. Flank.
24. Flank.
25. Flank.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS—1. Cradle, 4. Flank, 5. Flank, 6. Flank, 7. Flank, 8. Flank, 9. Flank, 10. Flank, 11. Flank, 12. Flank, 13. Flank, 14. Flank, 15. Flank, 16. Flank, 17. Flank, 18. Flank, 19. Flank, 20. Flank, 21. Flank, 22. Flank, 23. Flank, 24. Flank, 25. Flank.

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SOLENN VATICAN CEREMONY

Vatican City, February 19.
Giant tapestries depicting miracles performed by the Spanish nun, Vincenza Maria Lopes Vicuna, hung in St. Peter's Basilica today as the nun was beatified in a solemn ceremony — the first stage in her elevation to sainthood.

The beatification of the nun was attended by thousands of Holy Year pilgrims from all over the world.

The huge Basilica was lit by thousands of electric "candles" and hung with red crimson damask. The Pope's letter, announcing the beatification, was read out by the Prefect of Vatican Ceremonies.

The blessed Vincenza is the second Spanish nun to be beatified in the three beatification ceremonies since the Catholic Holy Year opened last Christmas Eve.

The Spanish nun, Maria Desolata Torres Acosta, was beatified a fortnight ago. The Roman priest, Vincenza Palotti, was beatified on January 22, the 100th anniversary of his death.

Pope Pius XII, confined to his apartments for the past week with influenza, will make his first public appearance again later today when he will be carried on his throne into the Basilica to "venerate" the blessed Vincenza. The newly beatified nun, known as "the servant's angel," founded the Institute of the Daughters of Mary the Immaculate, devoted to the spiritual and material welfare of domestic.

Born in 1847 at Casente, in Navarre Province, Maria Lopez Vicuna began working at an early age to help young girls who entered domestic service. In 1876, with the approval of the Bishop of Toledo, she founded the new Order of the Daughters of Mary the Immaculate, which today has 1,500 nuns with 33 religious houses in Spain, two in France, one in England, one in Africa and 15 in Latin America.

Mother Vincenza Maria Lopez died the day after Christmas in 1890 after a long illness.—Reuter.

URANIUM FIND IN ITALY

Perugia, February 19.
Italian experts claimed tonight that uranium has been found near here in commercial quantities. The find was first reported last week, but it was at first doubtful whether the deposits were worth exploitation.

Mineralogists now say that samples of uranium-bearing ore taken from the ground have industrial possibilities. The Ministry of Industry has lent money and provided facilities for further research.—Reuter.

STALIN AS A CANDIDATE

Moscow, February 19.
The formal announcement of the registration of Marshal Josef Stalin as a candidate to the Council of the Soviet Union from the Stalin election district in Moscow was announced today. The formal registration of other leading party figures and citizens as the candidates from other election districts were also published.—Associated Press.

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HEAR 1949'S TOP SONG HIT I.I.I.

Paris, February 19.
Paris newspapers today sprang an "affair within an affair" by publishing "secret" documents by General Georges Marie Revers, central figure in an inquiry now going on here into alleged corruption in Indo-China.

General Revers, 59-year-old former French Chief of Staff, sent the documents to the Parliamentary Commission making the inquiry.

Named in connection with the leakage to Vietnamese of a secret report on the political and military situation in France's Far Eastern associate, the General has asked the Commission to clear his honour.

When the General's hush-hush papers appeared in print today, the Commission chairman, M. Edmond Michelet, circled his colleagues protesting against the leak.

He complained that the General's documents had been opened and published in the Communist Press.

M. Krieger Valmont, the only Communist member of the Commission, replied in a statement to the Press that he had a perfect right to read the documents and make their contents known.

General Revers's documents included a letter to the Commission, amplifying evidence he gave before it last week on his relations with M. Roger Peyre—mysterious man of influence described by the Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault, as a double or triple agent.

There was also an appendix giving details of information which General Revers said M. Peyre, now in Brazil, had given him.

"Victim of press"

The General, who has said he is convinced that there was a plot against him, had promised the Commission that he would submit a note containing indications which would enable them to find the names of leading French personalities believed to be connected with the corruption allegations.

But his letter, published today, did not contain these names.

He dealt with diplomatic, military, political and economic information said to have been given him by M. Peyre, whom he described as being more influential than himself, even when he was Chief of Staff.

The General said that for a long time he had been the victim of a Press campaign trying to force him to talk.

They want me to put forward the names of personalities as prey for their political opponents."

In his report, General Revers claimed that M. Peyre informed him in August, 1947, of Cominform plans for social agitation to be carried out later in the autumn.

This action, Peyre told me, was intended to hide the real Soviet policy, based entirely on the 'Asiatic Cominform'—Reuter.

U.S. lead supply

Washington, February 19.
The nation's domestic lead supply changed during 1949 from two little to an abundance, the Bureau of Mines said.

The Bureau's annual summary of the lead industry also noted falling prices, cautious buying by consumers and a general lack of confidence in price stability resulting in purchases substantially smaller than actual needs.

The Bureau said continued high imports resulted in an accumulation of more than 380,000 tons of lead from foreign sources, the largest annual tonnage of imports in peacetime.

Mine production of recoverable lead last year totalled 404,032 tons, compared with 390,476 tons in 1948.

Consumption of primary, nonferrous and secondary lead totalled 800,000 tons, 21 per cent less than in 1948.—Associated Press.

LOAN TO TURKEY PLANNED

New York, February 19.
The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development is planning a \$10,000,000 loan to Turkey which is likely to be a major step in the development of private investment in foreign countries, the "New York Times" said today.

The proposal now being studied will show the flexibility of the Bank's operations, according to an article by George Mooney.

It is likely, he said, to constitute a new phase in the Bank's development and a major step in the evolution of its operations to develop private investment in foreign countries.

Delegates from under-developed countries had urged the Bank to show a little more heart, to charge less interest and take more risks in making loans.

Talks with Turkey have included consideration of the establishment of an Industrial Bank of Turkey to finance private industries, Mooney wrote.

Half this Bank's money would be supplied by the International Bank, in the form of foreign exchange. The rest would be raised in Turkey from both Government and private sources.

Management of the Bank would not be in the hands of the Government—a contract to the present pattern of the country.

"Turkey is considered an ideal area for such a project because the Turks have had little experience in the private organization and financing of local industries," Mooney commented.—Reuter.

PTL to open offices in Japan

Washington, February 19.
Pacific Transport Lines of San Francisco is opening offices in Japan on March 1.

The action has the approval of SCAP. A. McLaren, President of Pacific Transport, said.

Acting as the line's sub-agent in Japan, Mr. McLaren said, will be Osaka Shosen Kaisha. The latter is one of Japan's oldest shipping companies.

Mr. McLaren, in a statement announcing the company's plans, he said he is optimistic about the Japanese business outlook.

Mr. McLaren, who recently spent a month in the Orient, said: "It is my opinion that the Japanese will soon control their own destiny, economically and otherwise. I feel this is in the best interests of all concerned."

Mr. McLaren said he did not foresee the return of Japanese shipping to the Trans-Pacific trades in the near future. The Japanese companies have "quite a way to go before reaching the saturation point in their own domestic trades," he said.—Associated Press.

Attempt to kidnap priest

Bologna, February 19.
About 50 Communist women today tried to kidnap from his church a priest who, they said, had denounced land squatters to the police. The priest was praying in his church at San Lorenzo, near here, when the women burst in. They accused him of being responsible for the arrest of several local peasants who had taken part in the occupation of uncultivated land.

The women said they were going to take him out and make an example of him. The priest tore himself free. He ran to the belfry, where he tolled the bell for help. The police, who rushed to the scene, caught six of the fleeing women.—Reuter.

END OF ERP NOT A SHOCK

The Hague, February 19.
The Dutch Prime Minister, Dr. Willem Drees, said yesterday that the end of the Marshall Aid in 1952 would not come as a shock to the Netherlands if this country is progressing in the way it does now.

The Premier addressed foreign correspondents in the Netherlands. He said he expects Netherlands payments to be in general balance by that time, though there might be a deficit with the dollar area. Much would depend, he added, upon the progress in making European currency convertible.

Dr. Drees stressed the recovery Holland had made during 1949 in its foreign trade. Referring to the German-Dutch trade treaty which was recently concluded, he welcomed the extension of exchange of goods with Germany and the increase of the Rhine shipping and transit trade through the harbour of Rotterdam.—Associated Press.

DESERTERS FROM TITO ARMY

Gorizia, February 19.
The Italian police here today held two Yugoslav soldiers who crossed the border during the week-end and asked for asylum. According to the police they said that they found life in the Yugoslav Army unbearable. They described the discipline as vicious.—Reuter.

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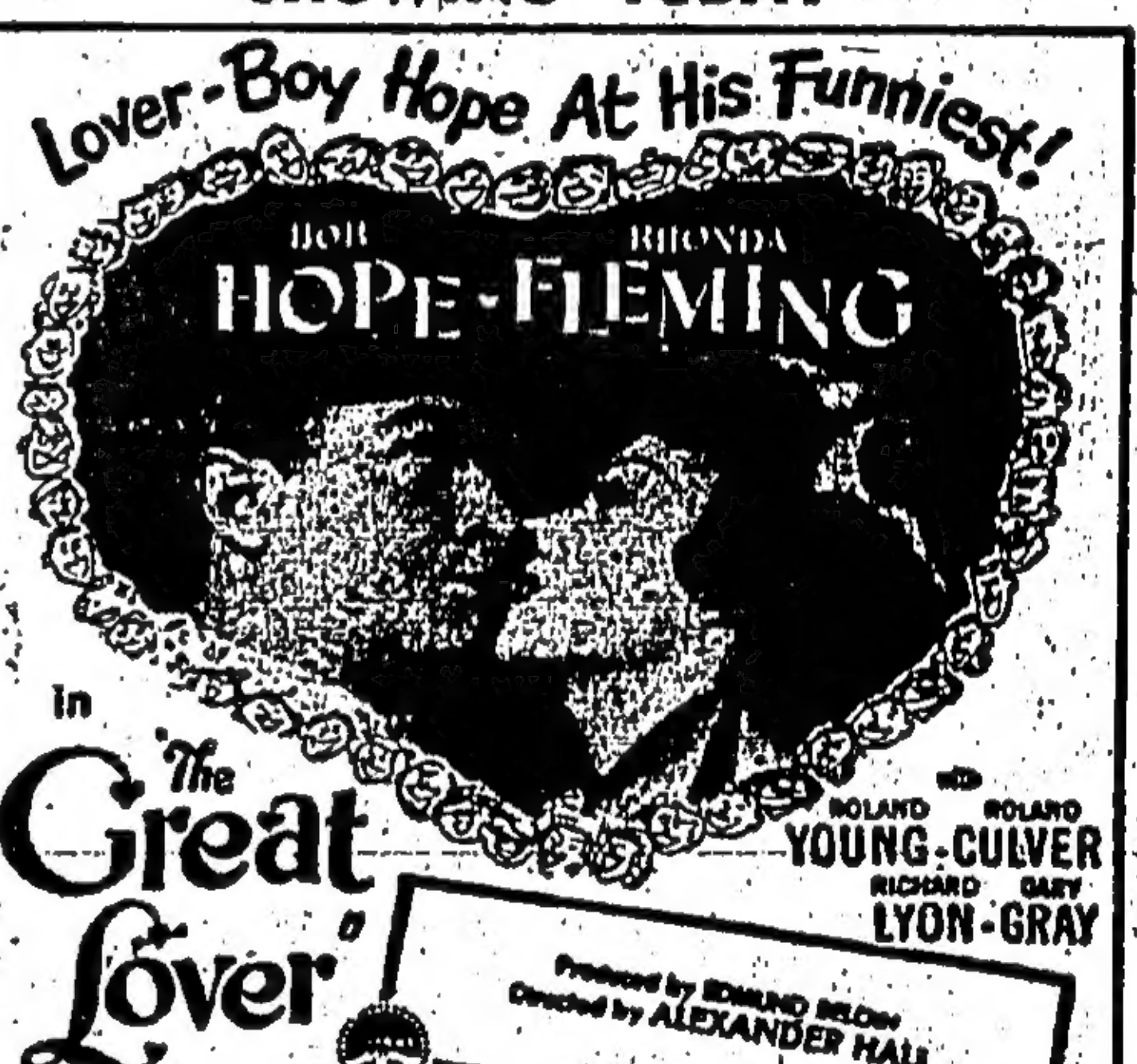
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LETTING IN THE REDS

By Lord Vansittart

When the war ended I thought there was a prospect that Socialism would form an effective alternative, and therefore a barrier, to Communism.

There is little difference between the three forms of totalitarianism—Communism, Fascism, and Nazism—and I hate them all.

Communism was the senior partner. Fascism came next; then Nazism. They had so much in common that the eldest of the trio combined with the youngest in 1939, thus proving what subsequent Soviet propaganda about resistance everywhere to Fascism is cynical.

Communism and Nazism were allied, and Fascism joined them before No. 1 and No. 3 quarrelled in 1941 over the magnitude of their respective appetites.

Many of us hoped that the war might have taught No. 1 the error of the ambitions of No. 3. It did nothing of the kind. The Communists simply took over the Fascist policy—and enlarged upon it.

The main features of both systems are the Single Party and World-Dominion. These are incompatible with the objects and nature of any form of Western democracy—including Socialism (at least, the kind of Socialism incompatible with the world, and, at any rate, fully recognised by the totalitarianism themselves).

Hitler destroyed Socialism and Trade Unionism in Germany. Communism has done likewise in a wider field, which includes half Europe and enormous portions of Asia.

All this should have been sufficient warning to the Western Socialists. I protested often in Parliament against the brutal suppression of the Socialists by the Communists in Eastern Europe. I received no support at all from the "Crossman" Left.

Worse than this, all over Europe emerged Socialists willing to sell the pass to Communism. The Polish Premier Cyrankiewicz, the Hungarian Premier Szakasits, the Czechoslovak Minister Fierlinger, the Italian Signor Nenni are all examples of this tendency.

It was therefore necessary to draw a regrettable conclusion from the good wishes sent to the last named on a notorious occasion by a number of British Socialist members of Parliament.

It was also significant that many such MPs found nothing but abuse for Greece. Yet, despite many shortcomings, she was fighting against the Communists, who had massacred 40,000 people during their attempted seizure of power at the end of 1944.

which provide for the assumption by the Chinese Communists of the leadership of Communist movements in South-East Asia.

Deeds rather than words must reveal what lies behind the Treaty and the probable agreement on general Communist strategy in Asia. In London, we are told, the completion of the negotiations in Moscow marks the beginning of "a new era for Communism in Asia." It is added that whatever Sino-Soviet conflicts may eventually emerge, the expectation is that for some time the two greatest Communist Governments will give every outward evidence of working together in a completely friendly manner. Certainly irredentist claims have been forced into the background, and will find it hard to get a hearing in the "world peace."

The position of these two countries today gives an air of unreality to the pretext. In spite of a few outrageous indiscretions, the fact remains that neither Governments nor public opinion in the West have seriously considered a revival of the military power of either of these defeated and, at present, helpless nations. The danger, indeed, lies in a different direction. Facts of this sort do not always guarantee peace. The Tripartite Pact brought "world" war, not peace. Certainly the noisy minority of interventionists will make full use of the Pact to bolster up a case that had little popular appeal or sanction. They will not be slow to emphasize that the Communists habitually subvert "plain" words and give them the opposite meaning. Indeed, the Nationalist rump at Taipei are already talking about "secret" agreements.

The conclusion that we were forced to draw is this: There are too many Socialists in all Western countries—add France to those already named—who are too close to Communism to conceive the deadly danger which they promote.

These professed Socialists are either fellow-travellers or they have not sufficient sense to "come

tives of Communism, but only from its methods.

In other words, he does not object to the single party—that is, complete intolerance—and to world dominion—but to the cruelties by which these soul-destroying ends are achieved.

I am glad of Mr. Shinwell's revealing frankness. I have sometimes read other of his utterances, which led me to suppose

have already said loudly in Parliament. It is useless for people to think that they can get away with 80, or even 90, per cent agreement with Moscow. Ultimately they have to go the whole hog, or hang.

That is what Rajk and Kostov, among thousands of others, found out—too late. Tito would have discovered it long ago but for some very useful mountains.

It is just this unawareness which has caused Socialism in Central and Eastern Europe to become not the surgeon but the midwife of Communism.

Socialists of the Crossman persuasion may like it, or not, but the loss of confidence thus engendered is causing a noticeable drift toward the Right in Europe. Socialism will have to improve greatly on its past attitude toward Communism, and shed some of the embarrassing elements which cling to its garments. So far the task is shirked because it cannot do this without causing a split in the party.

This applies to Socialism everywhere, particularly in Italy and France. In Germany I mistrust Dr. Schumacher, the Socialist leader, for other reasons; but at least he is vehemently anti-Communist.

We need not words but anti-Communist action. So far, all we have got is a few minor transfers in the Civil Service and the beginning of wisdom among the less Communist-becorled trade unions. We must have more than that if we are to survive the dangers in our midst, and at our borders.

Lord Baldwin once said "Our frontier is on the Rhine." It was—then. Now it is on the Elbe, and it is even more precarious.

As a public servant at that time I refrained from voting, and now I have no vote.

But I advise all electors to make a test case of Communism. Support nobody who will not advocate more adequate anti-Communist measures during the next five years. Their lives may depend on that.



We all Moscow. Talks with Stalin are becoming quite the vogue. Now it's Churchill who's proposing one. In Peking they are saying that if only Mao people would Chou over the idea of a two-month indoctrination period in the Kremlin, there would be a Russian to go.

Down in Jamaica the opinion is that despite his apology, Busta mente it.

On British television sets recently, black showed as white, and vice versa.

Political parties are now showing an increased interest in the possibilities of this new medium for electioneering.

Goose pimpled or Kremlin gremlin? Talk about the cold war—getting up these mornings makes me realize why the Russians are so bad-tempered.

Incidentally, I note that one of the wine and spirit merchants is claiming this is a rum climate.

Toddy yes: tomorrow, who knows?

Britain's wartime premier is reported to be annoyed about rumours of his death. Good heavens—why do people harp on such things? Unless of course they want him to be electrocuted.

Jumping Jiminy. In the interests of accuracy, it should be pointed out that yesterday's reports of rapid inflation across the border only means that the happy residents of the People's Democracy are now getting more of everything, including money. In fact, they will now be carrying wads of it around in suitcases.

Love in a cave. A stalagmite. Met a stalactite. (Isn't life sweet?) Now they are trying To make both ends meet.

Item from Washington says the president's new fleet of limousines are gold-plated.

Not for modest Harry the uranium and hydrogen he could so easily have had for the asking.

After reading the headlines since the holiday, I am convinced that this Hindu swami who sealed himself in a concrete box has the right idea.

Blake just up from Australia tells me he travelled around a lot. "I used to winter in Adelaide," he says, "summer in Perth, and spring in any nice blonk who happened to be passing."

Unrequited exports

Last October, Richard Fry, one of the ablest writers on economics in England, raised a considerable stir by saying that the man chiefly responsible for the devaluation of the pound sterling, "the man who broke the bank," was Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India.

It was India's accelerated withdrawal of balances which, in Mr. Fry's view, was the last straw which broke the pound's back.

This was hotly challenged at the time. And at the time there were no exact figures to go on. It was surmise on Mr. Fry's part. But now the Government has released some figures on sterling balances which showed that Mr. Fry was exactly right.

Between July 1948 and June 1949 the Indian Government withdrew 210 million pounds in sterling balances. Instead of the 80 million pounds which had been originally agreed on. It was the result of a policy in London which compelled devaluation in September. It must be remembered that at the end of the war Lord Keynes had said that the most Britain could release to all creditors yearly from the sterling balances without disaster was 44 million pounds.

India spent this enormous sum of 210 million pounds partly in buying machinery and capital equipment in Britain, partly in buying food in America and elsewhere overseas to meet India's acute food shortage.

There were also complicated roundabout transactions which added to the British economic difficulties. To acquire more foreign exchange in addition to sterling balances, India reduced its exports to England and increased its exports to non-sterling countries.

Looking back

Looking back, it is hard to understand how Sir Stafford Cripps can have permitted this recklessly accelerated rate of India's consumption of its sterling balances. Certainly it put an unbearable pressure on the pound. Certainly, the resultant devaluation was right against India's own interests: reduction in the value of sterling meant a reduction in the value of the sterling balances as a whole. Certainly, too, India, by spending its balances so rapidly, was squandering what should have been the capital on which to build its future prosperity.

Today, India has already used up more than half its balances. Of the remaining sum perhaps about three-quarters will have to be borrowed by India, and the currency reserve. It may be that it will be practicable for India to withdraw only another two or three hundred million pounds.

India is naturally very sensitive about the problem of sterling balances. The sterling balances

express in terms of money the contribution of the Indian masses to the war effort. They represent the sufferings of the Indian people from the vast inflation which British war purchases—made without reference to the Government of India, and made without any ceiling imposed by the Government of India—imposed upon the people of the country.

Not unnaturally, India has been inclined to regard Britain's attitude to sterling balances as a test case of our future attitude to Indian problems. If we had repudiated the sterling balances,

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as some economists proposed, or had scaled them down drastically, irreparable damage would have been done to our relations with India. Trustworthy have been destroyed. All the promising development since 1947, would have been undone.

But there was all the difference in the world between repudiation and an agreement to slow down the releases to a pace which the pound could bear. It is against the folly of the Government in not fixing a proper pace that criticism will be chiefly directed.

The "Financial Times" published recently an article by the economist, Mr. Roy Harrod, which suggested funding the sterling balances and limiting annual payments to a hundred million pounds. The Conservative Election Manifesto envisages a definite slowing down of the rate of disbursement. But there is certainly no widespread call for repudiation.

Marshall aid

One proposal which is being increasingly discussed is that, if America is seriously resolved on extending something like Marshall Aid to India, it could best do so by converting some of the sterling balances into dollar balances. After all, the balances were incurred at least as much on America's behalf as on behalf of Britain. They were part of the Allied war effort.

But the balance still outstanding is now so much reduced that the time for such a proposal is past. Moreover, the switch-over from sterling to dollar balances would change profoundly the trade relations to the world. Indo-American trade would replace Indo-British trade.

Perhaps the general view is best summed up in a recent article in the "Morning Post" by The Hon. Mr. Justice Sir George Robson, the well-known financial expert and former Finance Member of the Indian Government.

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DEATH

FOOKES, B.H.R., Beloved husband of Lois Fookes, died suddenly & peacefully at 12, Carnarvon Road at midnight on the 19th February, 1950. A cremation service will be held at the Union Church, Jordan Road, Woonan at 3.00 p.m. Tuesday 21st February 1950. No flowers.

THE NEW MOSCOW PACT

Practically all the comments from the Chinese Communists and their sympathisers on the Russo-Chinese Pact emphasise its international aspects. Little or nothing is said about Manchuria, Sinkiang, or the question of economic aid. If the Chinese negotiators went to Moscow with these more or less domestic issues chiefly in mind, they were evidently overborne by the posing of far bigger questions on the other side. The Kremlin was aided in this strategy by the interventionist chorus which accompanied Mao Tse-tung on his trip to Moscow, and was only silenced by President Truman's dramatic disavowal.

The Pact is being hailed as a guarantee against any new aggression by Japan, which, says "Pravda," is "becoming more and more insolent under the protection of the American occupation," and as "the greatest contribution to the cause of strengthening peace and democracy in the whole world." Before his departure from Moscow, Mao Tse-tung proclaimed that "everybody sees that the unity of the great peoples of China and the U.S.S.R. is durable, indestructible and unshakable. This unity will influence not only the prosperity of our two Great Powers of China and the U.S.S.R., but also the future of all mankind, and will lead to the victory of justice in the whole world."

This line is echoed by comments quoted by the Peking Radio, stressing the Pact's "firm guarantee of lasting world peace." Though it is actually little more than a carbon copy of the original 1945 Treaty, except for the promise of withdrawal in two years, it has even been hailed as the principal event in Chinese history for the past hundred years. The same cover has been used as in the case of the Kremlin's Treaties with, and policy in, the satellite States in Eastern Europe, with the substitute of disarmed Germany for disarmed Japan as the potential aggressor.

The position of these two countries today gives an air of unreality to the pretext. In spite of a few outrageous indiscretions, the fact remains that neither Governments nor public opinion in the West have seriously considered a revival of the military power of either of these defeated and, at present, helpless nations. The danger, indeed, lies in a different direction. Facts of this sort do not always guarantee peace. The Tripartite Pact brought "world" war, not peace. Certainly the noisy minority of interventionists will make full use of the Pact to bolster up a case that had little popular appeal or sanction. They will not be slow to emphasize that the Communists habitually subvert "plain" words and give them the opposite meaning. Indeed, the Nationalist rump at Taipei are already talking about "secret" agreements.

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PRESSURE FOR A NEW APPROACH TO STALIN

Snowball effect of Churchill's speech SUCCESS DOUBTFUL

WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 19
THE TRUMAN ADMINISTRATION IS BEING SUBJECTED TO STRONG POLITICAL PRESSURE FROM CONGRESS TO MAKE A NEW APPROACH TO MARSHAL STALIN FOR AN AGREEMENT TO END THE SOVIET-AMERICAN ATOMIC ARMAMENTS RACE

But no one in responsible circles here expects the Government to yield to this pressure or change the present United States policy on the subject.

This has been re-stated recently by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, other leading State Department spokesmen and President Truman himself.

This policy appears to coincide with the one that Mr. Clement Attlee stated in London yesterday.

The United States, like Britain, is ready to discuss atomic control with the Soviet Union, but only through the United Nations. American spokesmen have been saying this for many months now but Mr. Winston Churchill's advocacy of another talk with the Soviet Premier has stimulated American Press and public discussion of this possibility.

Mr. Churchill's statement revived the move for another approach to Generalissimo Stalin, which started in the Senate after President Truman's announcement that the United States would continue its work on the hydrogen bomb.

This movement has been headed off chiefly by patient but firm statements of United States policy from President Truman and Mr. Acheson. Its revival by Mr. Churchill, in a speech which Administration officials regard as frankly political, may compel the Truman Administration to restate its policy once more in a public speech by the Secretary of State or some other spokesman.

Scientist backs work on H-bomb

Birmingham, February 19.
Dr. Rudolf Peirls, British scientist who helped the United States to produce the atomic bomb, does not believe that many, if any, Western scientists would revolt in refusal to make the more terrifying hydrogen bomb.

In an interview on the perplexing crucial H-bomb, Dr. Peirls said that unless there is an effective plan for international control of atomic energy it would be very foolish not to work to make the bomb.

Dr. Peirls does not know how long it would take the United States or Russia to produce the hydrogen bomb. He does not think that a hydrogen bomb explosion would blow up the earth. So far as he knows the hydrogen bomb would have no peace-time uses.

The United States is far ahead of Britain in both wartime and peaceful uses of atomic energy. Some Americans and Britons have urged the scientists not to work on the H-bomb.

Dr. Peirls said it is a question that every scientist must decide for himself. "I for one would be delighted to boycott the hydrogen bomb if we could get the united action of all scientists throughout the world, including the Russians." He emphasized the word "action."

Dr. Peirls worked six years, two of them in the United States, on the atom bomb project. He returned to be of more use to the University of Birmingham last year. He remains an Government consultant on atomic energy.

Asked about Dr. Albert Einstein's sombre warning that man is trying to annihilate himself with the H-bomb, Dr. Peirls replied, "As I understand it Dr. Einstein did not refer to the world coming to an end. He referred to the possibility that so much radioactivity might endanger survival. I cannot judge this because I am not up to date. But I think we are quite safe from the world blowing up."

With "international agreement work on the hydrogen bomb should proceed provided that we retain the full sense of responsibility about what we are doing. If the bomb is available it certainly should not be used lightly, but only in defence against a biological warfare and other weapons of mass destruction on a similar scale."

United Press.

Officials realise that the Russians could now exploit the situation with an offer to discuss a settlement of differences direct with top-level British and American leaders.

Snowball effect

The snowball effect of the hydrogen bomb controversy this week-end brought statements on the chances of renewing direct talks with Russia from five political leaders in Britain and the United States.

All were agreed on the need for such talks, but they differed greatly in their assessment of the prospects for success, and still more on how and under what circumstances these talks should take place.

Mr. Winston Churchill whose Edinburgh speech last week precipitated the controversy, again stressed the grave danger of the present impasse between the Western and the Eastern worlds.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, too, admitted the immense need for an understanding with Russia and listed the vain efforts made by his Government since 1945.

"The fault does not lie on this side of the Iron Curtain," he declared. "We are quite ready and eager to discuss with Russia, the United States and Canada, and all other nations ways and means for dealing with this menace," Mr. Attlee said.

Pre-war rebuffs

A member of Mr. Attlee's Cabinet, the Commonwealth Relations Secretary, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, today entered the controversy with an argument that the pre-war rebuffs to Russia by Conservative Governments had ruined the chances of co-operation with Russia now.

"Who has forgotten that Russia was not invited to the Munich Conference in 1938, that her proposal for a conference in Bucharest in March, 1939, was contemptuously turned down, that Lord Halifax (then Conservative Foreign Secretary) could visit Berlin and Rome, but not Moscow?" Mr. Noel-Baker said.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, speaking in Birmingham, insisted that Mr. Churchill's action was an election stunt.

Mr. Konni Zilliacus, who was expelled from the Labour Party and is now an Independent Labour candidate for Parliament, said today that Mr. Churchill has stolen the initiative from the Labour leaders by bringing foreign affairs into the election.

The Archbishop of London, the Canon O.H. Gibbs-Smith, preached in St. Paul's Cathedral today and declared that the outlawing of the hydrogen bomb and all other weapons of mass destruction should be the main British Election issue.

He urged all voters to demand that every candidate that they will give first priority to seeking an international agreement outlawing weapons of mass destruction.

Stassen's view

In Washington, Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, yesterday modified his statement last week that the United States might at the appropriate time make another attempt of an agreement through the United Nations.

The time might be near, he now said, but the talks should be on a Foreign Ministers' level, not by heads of States.

Mr. Harold Stassen, Republican leader, went further and urged atomic talks immediately, attended by the heads of States and their Foreign Ministers. But he thought the prospects of success were not bright.

The most optimistic view came from Lord Beaverbrook, the British newspaper magnate, and highly independent Conservative. He said in a signed article in his newspaper, the "Sunday Express," that a top-level proposal between Mr. Churchill and Marshal Stalin was possible on the basis of the former's character, which Marshal Stalin "ad-

mired, and his political philosophy, which Marshal Stalin understood.

French interest

France did not intend to be left out of any negotiations resulting from Mr. Churchill's suggestion of a new Western approach to Soviet Russia, the French Prime Minister, Mr. Georges Bidault, indicated in a speech at St. Etienne today.

"Mr. Winston Churchill—who was our champion and our friend in international conferences—at which we were not present, and when a claim was raised to settle the fate of the world without France—has just pronounced an electoral campaign meeting in favour of a three-power conference," Mr. Bidault said.

"I have difficulty in believing that his idea is in its final form," M. Bidault, speaking on national defence, said that his Government would seek further legal powers, if necessary, to prevent the sabotage of national defence.

He was speaking 24 hours after the Ministry of the Interior had circularised its regional representatives giving instructions for fighting such sabotage and particularly the Communist attempts to hold up arms and supplies for the French forces in Indo-China.

M. Bidault said it was the Government's duty to see that defence was assured in all the territories of the French Union and that sabotage and violence were prevented or suppressed.

He added: "It is means of defence against aggression will, if necessary, be strengthened on the legislative plane. It is intolerable that organisations, under the theoretical cover of trade unionism, but whose aspiration is unfortunately not doubtful, should presume to oppose decisions taken to ensure the security and assume the duties of France."

M. Bidault said that all possible light would be shed on the "affair of the generals" now being investigated by a Parliamentary Commission of Enquiry following the leakage of national defence documents referring to Indo-China.

"All documents are in the hands of the investigators," he said. "No service rendered, nor post held, will be able to protect anyone against the justice of the nation."

Demonstrators who shouted hostile cries as M. Bidault's party drove through St. Etienne were dispersed by the police. Two people were injured in scuffles, and 20 people, including Negroes and local Africans, detained.

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Russia keeps mum on the H-bomb

Moscow, February 19.
Not one word has appeared in the Soviet Press about the hydrogen-atomic bomb question.

There has been one statement in one paper, which might be construed as an indirect reference.

"Izvestia" some days ago referred to the "super-atomic blackball" efforts on the part of American warmongers.—Associated Press.

RUSSIANS DETAIN LORRIES

Berlin, February 19.
The Soviet Zone police today detained 15 lorries carrying scrap metal from Berlin to the Western Zones at a check-point on the outskirts of Berlin.

Police reports said that some of the lorries had two trailers. Drivers of other lorries reaching an Allied check-point about a mile down the road said that the East German police expected to receive orders tomorrow whether the lorries would be allowed to continue or whether their loads would be confiscated.

No reason for the detention was given. Since the beginning of January, East Zone police have detained many lorries carrying scrap metal out of Berlin and confiscated their cargoes.

The Western occupation powers protested to the Russians on February 11 against a systematic attempt to prevent the removal of scrap from Berlin. A British spokesman said then that there was a severe shortage of metal in the Soviet Zone, caused by heavy reparations to Russia and compulsory exports of scrap to Poland and Czechoslovakia.

German inter-zonal trade talks, which were entering their second week tomorrow, should produce a formula for stopping up East-West trade in Germany, observers predict.

They believe that the talks, held in Goerling's former Air Ministry in the Soviet sector, will end successfully this week.

The negotiators hope that Eastern exports to the Western Zones under the Frankfurt agreement of last October can be accelerated and the West German embargo on steel for Eastern Germany lifted.—Reuter.

BENGAL RELEASES AUSTRALIANS

Calcutta, February 19.
Captains A.C. Anderson and C.A. Randall, Australian pilots, were released by the East Bengal Government today, nearly two months after their arrest following their aircraft's crash in East Bengal.

The pilots arrived here by special plane, accompanied by Mr. M.L. Ghosh, Indian radio operator, who had also been detained. All three were taken to hospital in Calcutta to have treatment for severe burns received in the crash.

Doctors said that the Australians will be discharged in a few days but the Indian's condition is not satisfactory.—Reuter.

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Russia working on the H-bomb Senator states

Washington, February 19.

Democratic Senator Millard Tydings said flatly today that Russia is working on the hydrogen bomb and again called for a world disarmament conference to head off a war of indescribable possibilities.

Senator Tydings spoke out amid mounting pressure for a new approach to the problem of a cold war peace with the Soviet Union and reports of a possible new Russian peace move.

Some officials believe Russia may be getting ready to suggest a conference on world problems, including atomic controls.

Senator Tydings said flatly in a radio broadcast: "Both Russia and the United States are at work on a bigger bomb which we call the H-bomb."

He did not elaborate, nor did he give the source of his information. However, as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and a member of both the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, he should be as fully informed as anyone in Congress on Russian military planning.

Several other members of Congress, in discussing possible peace moves, have taken it for granted that the Soviets are trying to build the H-bomb. Senator Tydings, who proposed a disarmament conference in a Senate speech, said: "I believe deeply and sincerely and intensely that it is perhaps the only thing that will bring about the kind of understanding we want and eliminate the fear of war."

"I have reached the conclusion that it would be a good thing not only for those on our side, but a good thing for those on the other side—Russia, for example."

More spending

He added that unless some way is found to stop the arms race, American military spending will increase steadily over the years.

"If we want to feel reasonably safe and secure," he continued, money would have to be spent for more radar warning systems, inspection of harbours and civilian defence.

Senator Francis Myers (Democrat), referring to Senator Tydings' proposals in a speech over Pennsylvania radio station, said it was one of several suggestions for solving the atomic problem and they must examine and re-examine all possibilities of every one.

Senators Tom Connally (Democrat) and Robert Taft and Alexander Wiley (Republicans) were among the latest to join the discussion on possible new peace talks with the Russians.

Senator Connally, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said it might be advisable for the U.S. Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, and the British Foreign Secretary, Ernest

Bevin, to meet Russian officials, but he said the Soviets should be warned that if the conference failed, the United States would push stockpiling of hydrogen bombs and any larger ones that were developed.

Senator Taft said now talks with Russia might be worthwhile, but only if it is determined that they have a reasonable chance of success. Senator Wiley suggested that Mr. Acheson sound out the world on the idea of an international conference to strengthen the United Nations and control atomic bombs.

President Truman and Mr. Acheson have taken the position that nothing can be gained now by direct negotiations with Moscow.—United Press.

"British" back on passports

Canberra, February 19.
The New Australian Liberal Government is to reverse an order by Mr. J. B. Chifley, Labour Government, and restore the word "British" to passports issued to Australians.

Mr. Harold Holt, Immigration Minister, said today that the title British Passport will be restored to the cover of Australian passports from July 1 next.

The British title was removed and substituted by "Australian Passport" by the Labour Government which was swept from office at the end of last year.

Mr. Holt said that his Government had received many complaints that difficulties were caused by the present title.

The change, he said, would mean that Australians abroad would more readily be accorded recognition not only as Australians but as British subjects.

He added that the change could not be effected immediately because of the necessity to reprint passports and distribute them to passport officials throughout the world.—Reuter.

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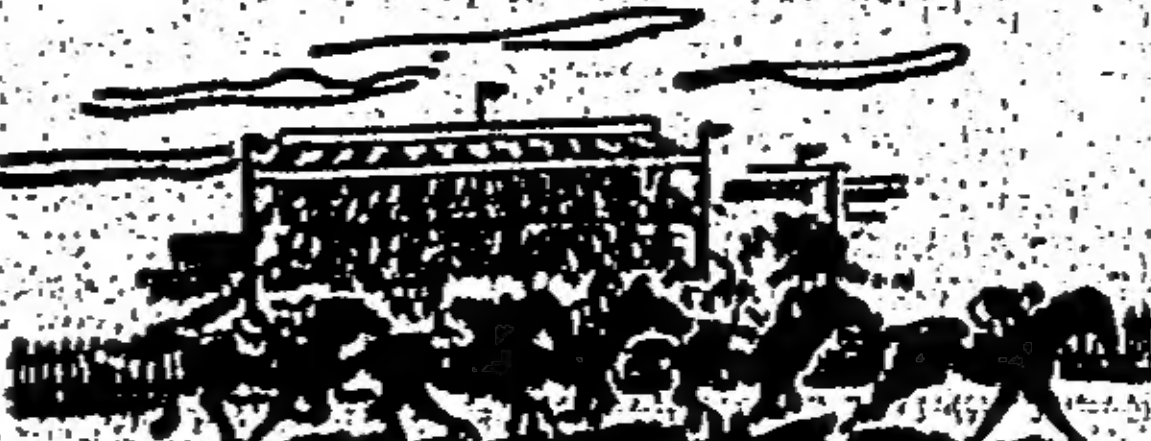
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POLITICAL PARTIES' FINAL CHECK OF ELECTION CHANCES

London, February 19.

The two major political parties have been taking final stock of their Election chances this week-end, both declaring that they are confident they will be returned to power.

The majority opinion seems to be that this is still a bread-and-butter election, with austerity, rationing, prices and wages, all aspects of the dollar gap, the deciding factor.

Labour, the Government party, is confident that it can already count on 300 industrial seats out of the Parliamentary total of 625.

Labour statisticians calculate that the Conservatives can equal depend upon a hard core of 200—about the same as in the last Parliament.

It is the extra 100 seats which are at stake.

Conservative Headquarters believe that they will get a majority of at least 40 seats in the new Parliament. Labour admit that they do not expect to get back with anything like their previous majority of about 150 seats overall, but predict that they will succeed in retaining power by a margin of 50 or 60 seats.

Labour politicians had the Election platform all to themselves today, with the Tories observing their usual Sunday silence.

The Labour Party's main desire now is believed to be a non-stop drive to get every known Labour supporter to the polls. It greatly fears that apathy in its own ranks—and particularly among women disgruntled by the rigours of austerity living—may cause the party to poll less than its full strength.

Many Labour supporters attribute the Party's heavy reverses at last year's nationwide local Government contests to apathy within the ranks.

Election issues

The wartime minister, Winston Churchill, despite Labour Party complaints of "foul" was well on his way tonight toward making foreign policy, especially the atomic and hydrogen bombs, the crucial issue of the Election.

With only three days left before the voting on Thursday for a new House of Commons, Labour appears to be fighting an uphill battle to keep the voters' interest on such domestic issues as food, housing, full employment and social security.

Mr. Churchill's answer is that domestic security is worthless without security from the dread threat of the atomic and hydrogen bombs.

Mr. Churchill won an important convert to his theory today in the Archbishop of London, Canon O.H. Gibbs-Smith, preaching at St. Paul's, the same place where the Archbishop of York had earlier warned that the atomic bomb meant annihilation unless controlled. Canon Gibbs-Smith said there was no doubt that the crucial issue of this election is that of foreign policy.

Herbert Morrison, Labour leader in the old House of Commons, at Dover today gave the same kind of answer to Mr.

Churchill and his proposal for another Big Three meeting on the atom bomb. He told a political meeting that Mr. Churchill's proposal was preposterous and ridiculous and probably even the Tory Party leaders were feeling embarrassed about it.

The Labour Secretary of State for Commonwealth affairs, Philip Noel-Baker, insisted that history had shown that the Labour Government was best equipped eventually to persuade Russia that her atomic policy was wrong. He lashed the appeasement which led to Ethiopia, Manchuria, Munich and all the rest.

Four issues

The Labour Party is trying hard to subordinate foreign policy issues in the campaign, but the Conservatives have slowly built up several critical issues of foreign affairs which they think will have an important bearing on the election result. Foreign policy issues pressed by the Conservatives in these closing days are:

1. Mr. Churchill's suggestion for another "meeting at the summit" with Josef Stalin in an effort to bridge the vast gulf between the two worlds, and the atomic race and try for a truce in the cold war.

2. Anthony Eden's suggestion that the British Commonwealth and Empire, destined to be in the middle of the atomic race, put all of its combined efforts into a campaign to develop peaceful uses for atomic energy.

3. The Conservative leader, R.A. Butler, hinted that Britain would call upon the United States to take over some of her financial commitments in the Far East after Marshall Aid ends.

4. Marshall Aid—the Tories claim Britain would be starving without Marshall Aid. Socialists like to pass over this issue, claiming it was Socialism rather than Marshall Aid that was primarily responsible for the amount of recovery achieved.

How these issues will affect the British voter, not even political experts of either major Party will say.

Both sides are claiming victory, but by only a moderate majority—in the neighbourhood of 50 to 75 seats in the 625-seat Commons.

Much apathy

There is still considerable apathy about the election, but both Conservatives and Labour will make major last efforts to win, Tuesday and Wednesday. Both sides have warned their supporters to be on the alert for a last-minute trick or stunt.

In his sermon at St. Paul's, Canon Gibbs-Smith also said it was tragic that competing claims for rival domestic policies had overshadowed foreign policy in

Wall Street interest in the Election

New York, February 19.

Wall Street awaits the result of the British General Election with the keenest interest, according to Mr. Charles Egan writing in the "New York Times."

Mr. Egan says that though foreign exchange dealers will not speculate on the result, they feel that the absence of pressure on Sterling in markets here during the past week indicates that no change in the British Government is expected.

Foreign investors' advisers expect substantial American investments in British iron and steel to follow if a Conservative triumph ends the nationalisation threat to the industry.—Reuter.

the campaign. He referred to warnings already given about the annihilating possibilities of the new hydrogen bomb.

"Domestic policies pale into insignificance beside the major question of our relations with other nations," he said, "for on those relations depends the fundamental issue of peace or war. It is imperative that all election candidates should be required to state that, if they are returned to Parliament, they will press whatever government comes into power to give first priority to a fresh attempt to achieve a general international settlement."

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, said tonight that the British Government are already making plans to meet the situation when Marshall Aid ends and discussing it with the United States.

The Government are taking every step to ensure that we move steadily over from one system to the other, which is what America wants to see—Europe on its own feet and with its own dignity, he told an Election meeting.

Delicate problem

Speaking of developments since Marshall Aid began, Mr. Bevin said, "You cannot just use a few slogans and say you have solved the problem. It is very delicate and very difficult."

"You have to examine the whole world together and in coming to your decision see that it does not upset your own economy and does not produce unemployment here. You must have higher production in the whole of Europe."

"The United States has been a great benefactor since the end of the war. They are ordinary folk like you and I. They are not all millionaires."

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, competed with a lion and a lioness for the attention of an Election audience in a Chatham theatre tonight.

The animals roared in their cages behind the stage, despite the efforts of their tamers to quieten them, while Mr. Morrison addressed the meeting.

He finished his hour-long speech amid applause, though his audience had occasionally found it difficult to hear him above the lions' roars.—Reuter and United Press.

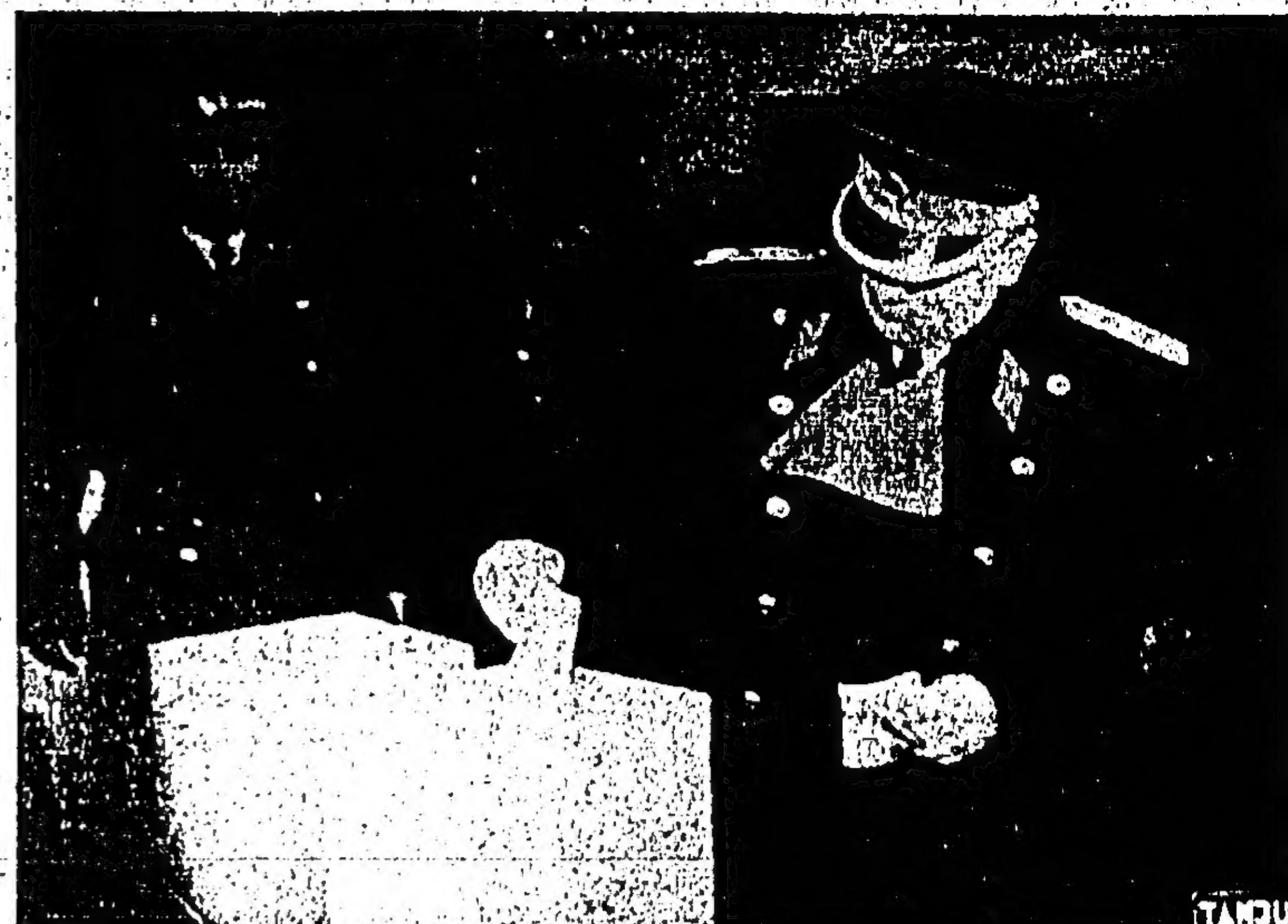
REDS WARNED

Rome, February 19.

The Interior Minister, Mario Scelba, today warned Communist agitators attempting to prevent the unloading of American arms shipments to Italy under the Atlantic Pact that the Government would use force if necessary, to unload arms.

In a statement to the Press, Signor Scelba said the Government is perfectly sure of being able to cope with Red threats and warned professional agitators not to cherish any illusion about Government weakness.—United Press.

Tito casts his vote



The Yugoslav Premier, Marshal Josip Broz Tito, votes in the recent election of People's Front party representatives in Belgrade. Tito is President of the organisation, and the election is a curtain raiser to the nationwide General Election due in March next—the first in Yugoslavia since 1945. (Associated Press Photo).

NO STRINGS ATTACHED TO LOAN TO BELGRADE

Belgrade, February 19.

The American Ambassador, George Allen, said flatly today that there are no political conditions attached to financial aid under consideration by the U. S. for Yugoslavia.

His statement was prompted by a question from The Associated Press as a result of Marshal Tito's statement yesterday that Yugoslavia would rather go barefooted than sacrifice its principle of building of Socialism in this country in return for aid.

Tito's speech, as a prelude to Yugoslavia's first general election since 1945, seemed to contain on the surface at least broad implications that the West was demanding political concessions in return for financial assistance.

Mr. Allen was asked, "Is the question of loans or economic assistance to Yugoslavia from the U.S. dependent upon any political conditions?"

Mr. Allen replied, "As I pointed out when I presented my credentials, the policy of the U.S. is based on strict non-interference in the internal affairs of Yugoslavia."

"No political conditions were attached to the credit already extended to Yugoslavia and no such conditions are attached to the credits now under consideration."

Tito irked

(Aids now under consideration include a credit of US\$25,000,000 plus US\$11,000,000 from the U.S. Export-Import Bank and the World Monetary Fund).

From the tone of his speech Tito appeared irked that there has not been speedier action on the question of granting the aid. He told an audience estimated officially at 50,000 that the Russian-led Cominform countries from which he parted company more than a year and a half ago have constantly played the same tune, charging that Yugoslavia is seeking money from the reactionary forces of the West.

"On the contrary," Tito said, "we have asked for nothing of late but only said they should give us what they promised. We are waiting for them to keep their promise and we shall see whether they are serious or whether this is only propaganda."

(This was a reference to the loans from the West. So far as is known in Belgrade, there have been no public revaluations from the West that the loans have actually been promised. The nearest to it has come in a statement by the Foreign Minister, Edvard Kardelj, before Parliament late last year that Yugoslavia had been promised a loan by the International Bank. This was subsequently denied by Bank officials who said that Yugoslavia's requirements are still under study).

In his speech dealing with Western aid, Tito said, "We are not in any camp. We are not in any bloc. We are a country which is building Socialism with high consciousness of our people, with consciousness of our ability

Three objectives

Tito spoke in the Serbian town of Titovo Zice, where he once had his headquarters during this country's struggle for liberation in World War II.

His speech itself apparently had three main objectives.

The first was obviously a denial of the Cominform charges that Yugoslavia was turning to the West politically in its quest for money, material and equipment to rebuild its economy and place itself on a self-supporting level.

The second was equally apparently directed toward the West that it could expect no departure on the part of Yugoslavia from the path of Communism in exchange for favours. He emphasised that Yugoslavia would rather sacrifice complete realisation of its five year plan or self-sufficiency than sacrifice its principles.

The third was a stern notice that Yugoslavia will tolerate no interference by opposition parties in operation of this country's internal affairs. "In our country there cannot exist two programmes, only one, the programme of the People's Front, the programme of building Socialism," he said.

So far, there has emerged no opposition to Tito's People's Front for the election in late March.—Associated Press.

SPAIN ACCUSES BRITAIN

Madrid, February 19.

The Falangist newspaper "Arriba" charged today that the British Secret Service was linked with recent counterfeiting of Spanish money and accused British agents of interfering with Spain's internal affairs.

The article, signed "Macaulay," said to be the pen name of a high Spanish official—said: "It is no secret that certain British agents and consular officials, although the war is over, are interfering in the internal life of our nation and establishing relations with outlaws and undesirable elements."

The article recalled the statement of a counterfeiter, recently arrested abroad, implicating the British Secret Service in the manufacture of counterfeit pesetas. It also referred to the recent arrest at Sevilla airport of a British girl who was trying to board a plane for Tangier with a bag containing 800,000 counterfeit pesetas (worth about £26,000).

The article urged the British to re-examine their policy in order to prevent Spaniards from developing a single idea of everything that sounds British.—United Press.

Kerans drink wins prize

London, February 20.

An ex-sailor, Eddie Hopkins, is the world's champion cocktail maker. British—along on the strength of a concoction named for his old commander, Lieutenant-Commander John S. Kerans of the famous frigate Amethyst.

He won the honour and a flock of prizes at the British Hotel, Restaurant and Catering Exhibition here.

His cocktail was named the "John Simon" for Kerans' given names. Its strength was considerable. It consisted of gin, Creme de Noyaux, Grand Marnier, orange cordial and Angostura bitters.

Hopkins, who served under Lieutenant-Commander Kerans for two and a half years, is bartender at the Royal Hotel in Scarborough. His prizes include £80 diploma—and a silver cocktail shaker.—Associated Press.

Republic Day will come,

Malan says

Paarl, Cape Province,

February 20.

Dr. Malan, South Africa's Nationalist Prime Minister, said here today, the day will yet come when South Africa will become a Republic with an elected President.

Dr. Malan told a public meeting that he had a letter written by the late General Hertzog—one time Nationalist leader who later joined the United Party—in which the General said he felt that the South African Government should be chosen by the African people instead of by the Crown.

"What does that mean?" asked Dr. Malan.

"If he is chosen by the people he is no longer a representative of the Government and bearing the name of Governor-General. Then he would be a President."

He continued, "If we want to become a Republic, then there is just one step. The Governor-General should not be nominated or chosen by the Government. Let him be a representative of the people, chosen by the people. That day will yet come. The day will come when the Government of the day will take that step and I do not doubt that there will be a large number of English-speaking South Africans who will take such a decision with us."

"When that comes about, South Africans will be a happy and united people."—Reuter.

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U.S. EXPECTED TO BREAK WITH BULGARIA

Belgrade, February 19.

The 43 Americans in Sofia have been given the alert for a possible break in diplomatic relations between the United States and Bulgaria before the end of the week.

Reliable sources said the United States will hand a note to the Bulgarian Minister in Washington within the next 48 hours.

Graziani to go on trial

Rome, February 19. Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, former Commander-in-Chief of the Fascist armed forces, will go on trial on Thursday on charges of collaboration and execution of Italian partisans.

Five Italian generals will try the former "Lion of Africa" and "Empire builder" at the Rome Military Tribunal—United Press.

BOMB A MENACE TO CAPITAL

Washington, February 19.

A member of the Senate House Atomic Committee, Mr. Chet Holifield, proposed today that immediate steps be taken to choose an alternative seat for the United States Government, perhaps underground, as a defence measure.

A single atomic bomb strategically exploded by an enemy power in Washington would paralyze the nerve centre of the nation, he said.

Mr. Holifield (Democrat Representative, California) has drawn up a joint resolution to create a joint commission to study the problem, and report to the President and Congress by January 31, 1951.

In a statement prepared for delivery in the House, he said that his decision about the need for an alternate seat of Government was the result of an accumulation of knowledge acquired during four years on the Atomic Committee.

Mr. Holifield added that the White House, the Defence Establishment, the Congressional buildings, the Supreme Court and the departments of vital Government departments are now situated within the square mile of destruction credited to the present atomic bomb.

"The continuity of Government functions in a period of national emergency caused by an atomic or hydrogen bomb disaster must be guaranteed," he added.

"Such a guarantee does not exist at the present time."

The resolution asks the commission to consider particularly:

- (1) Possible sites for an alternative seat of Government which would be secure against attack by a foreign power.
- (2) The buildings which would have to be constructed on or under a site.
- (3) The extent to which duplicate copies of documents and records would have to be made available.
- (4) Procedure which might be followed in choosing the successor of a President, Vice-President or Congressman who becomes unable to perform his duties as the result of an attack by a foreign power.—Router.

PLANTER'S TRIAL

Kuala Lumpur, February 19. Robert Kinloch, aged 40, a planter from Tyto, Scotland, was committed for trial here today on a charge of murdering a 22-year-old Malayan woman on the Ulu estate in Tringganu. Kinloch reserved his defence.

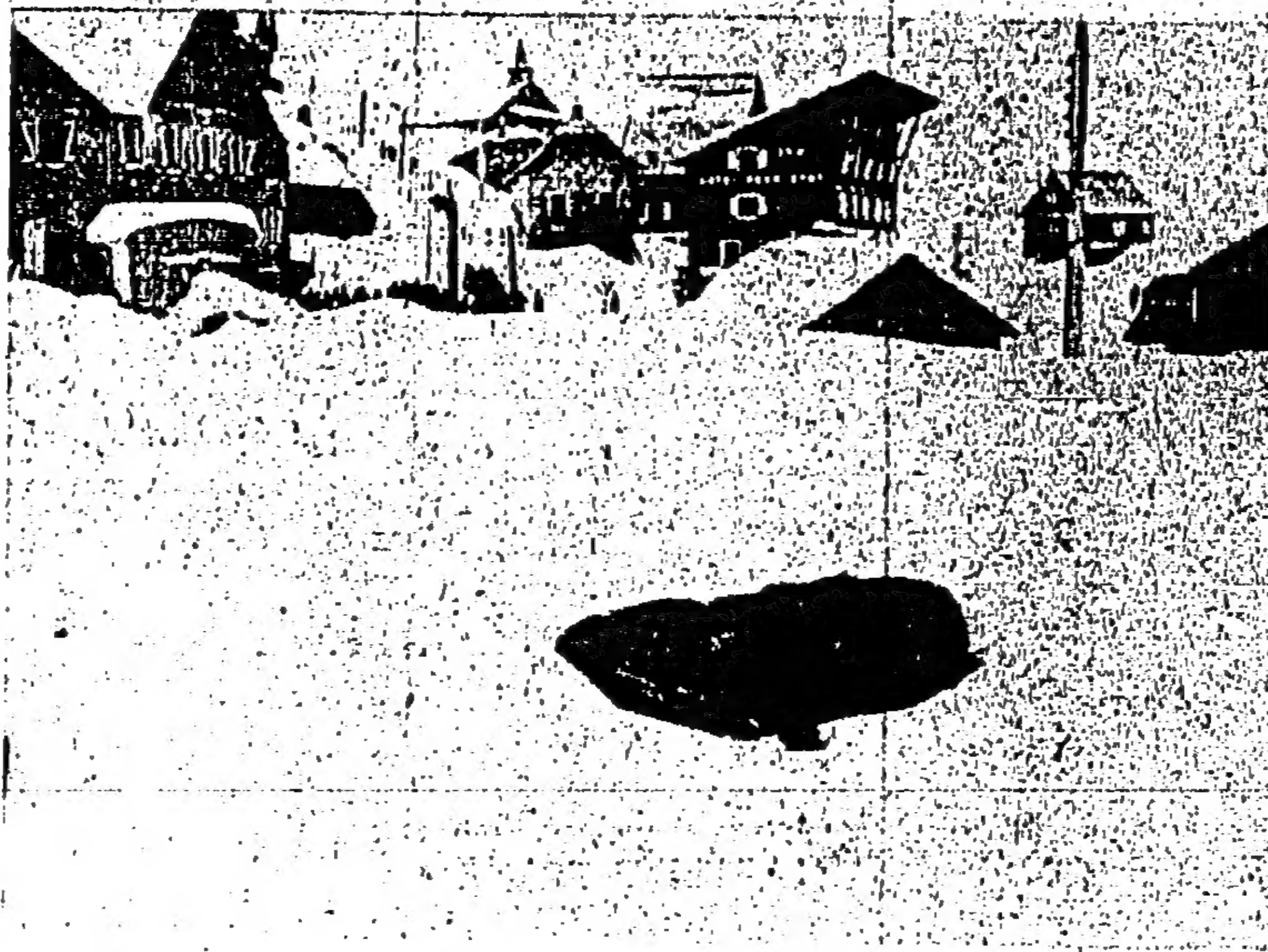
BISHOP'S DEATH

Leeds, February 19. The Right Reverend Henry John Pookitt, Roman Catholic Bishop of Leeds, died today of a heart ailment. The Bishop was 62.

He collapsed at Lourdes, France, last July while leading a pilgrimage to the shrine from his diocese.

He was transferred from the Anglican Church in 1915 after serving four years as a curate in Leeds. He was ordained a priest in 1917.—Associated Press.

How to stymie car thieves



At Alpe d'Huez, French Alpine resort near Grenoble, the answer to this problem is easy—trouble is, the owner can't get his car free either without the aid of a battery of steam shovels or a hot hosepipe. This picture typifies the smothering blanket of snow shrouding France's mountain regions during the past week. (Associated Press Photo).

RED ARMY INCREASING STRENGTH IN GERMANY

Berlin, February 19.

The Russians have increased their military forces in Germany during recent months to an estimated 400,000 men, reliable sources said yesterday.

The combined forces of the United States, Britain and France number approximately 250,000 in Germany.

Last summer, the Russians had about 350,000 men in Germany, on the basis of reports reaching Western Allied quarters. The Russian increase has resulted from cancellation of or perhaps delay in demobilising their class of 1926. This class should have been returned home last autumn following manoeuvres. For some unexplained reason, these troops were reported to have been given furloughs instead of going home for good.

It can not be learned in Berlin whether this delay in demobilisation of the 1926 group applies only to troops in Germany or to all Soviet forces regardless of where they are situated.

The halt in demobilising occupation troops marks the first time since the end of the war that the Russians have failed to send classes home on schedule. Western authorities said. The last group to be sent home, the class of 1927, went in December 1948.

The estimated 400,000 Soviet troops in Germany are little more than one-half of the 750,000 here early in 1946, when all four occupation powers made large-scale reductions. The 400,000 include Army, Air Force, Navy, secret police and the Soviet Control Commission.

Reliable reports indicate that the Russians have six armies in East Germany, of which four are highly mechanised. These six armies contain approximately 250,000 men.

Plan for total withdrawal

Another possible explanation for keeping the Russians here is that, while in Germany, troops live off German economy and the expense to Russia of feeding them is virtually nil. On the other hand, there are indications that the Soviets have not abandoned the scheme for withdrawal of all occupation troops from Germany. As recently as two days ago, the Russian-controlled Communist National Front in East Germany advocated again the withdrawal of troops, a united Germany and signing of the peace treaty.

The Western authorities are well aware such a move would mean the United States leaving Europe, while the Soviets withdraw only to Poland, three hours from Berlin. Once the American

Aquitania leaves on last voyage

Southampton, February 19.

The 45,000-ton British liner Aquitania, grand old lady of the Atlantic, steamed out of the harbour here today on her last voyage—to her birthplace on Scotland's River Clyde, where she will be broken up.

Ships in the harbour paid their last respects to the 36-year-old Cunarder as she made for the English Channel, and a shore signal station hoisted flags reading, "Good-bye With Regret."

In reply, the liner, which during her time sailed 3,000,000 miles and carried 2,000,000 passengers, sounded mournful blasts on her siren. Among the 200 skeleton crew taking her to her graveyard were two whose combined service in the liner was 59 years. They were 59-year-old James Elder, shipwright, and 60-year-old James Drysdale, waiter.

Mr. Elder had the same cabin for 30 years.—Router.

troops leave Europe, it is felt, only war could bring them back. Thus the Russians would be in a position to infiltrate back into Germany through the Communist Party and the controlled police army of East Germany, and perhaps seize all of Germany without actually fighting for it.

The United States High Commissioner, John McCloy, said in Berlin last week that the United States had no intention of withdrawing from Germany or Berlin or of being forced out.—United Press.

CALL FOR REDUCED U.S. AID

Washington, February 19.

Senator Robert A. Taft today called for a reduction in foreign aid spending as the Congress is prepared to open hearings on Tuesday on President Truman's request for \$3,100,000,000 in new Marshall plan funds.

At the same time, chairman Millard E. Tydings of the Senate Armed Services Committee cautioned that some slight increases may be necessary in the President's budget requests for military spending although big raises will probably not be needed.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and the Marshall plan chief, Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, are to start outlining the Administration's case on Tuesday to a joint meeting of the Senate and House Foreign Affairs Committees.

Mr. Hoffman is reported to be ready to ask the Congress for permission to use \$500,000,000 or \$600,000,000 of his spending authority to back a Western European currency stabilisation plan aimed at stimulating trade among Marshall plan nations.

Senator Taft said in an interview that the Administration's request for the third year foreign aid spending should be scaled down below \$3,100,000,000. He did not say how large a cut should be made.

Mr. Hoffman is also expected to urge the Congress to lower United States tariffs and ease customs restrictions to help Western Europe sell out \$500,000,000 more goods each year in the United States and Canada dollar market.—United Press.

MALAYAN TIN FOR AMERICA

London, February 20.

Substantial difficulties stand in the way of the U.S. reaching a formal agreement with Malaya for purchase of tin to build up America's strategic raw material stockpile, the Colonial Office announced today.

The announcement, summarising the outcome of recent negotiations in Washington, said the Malayan tin industry will endeavour to ensure that the Straits tin required for this purpose is made available.

"It is hoped that the purchases of Straits tin for the U.S. strategic stockpile can be made through the existing market mechanism in a manner satisfactory to both parties."

The Colonial Office said that a delegation representing the United Kingdom Government and the Malayan tin industry visited Washington recently at the invitation of the U.S.

The purpose of the meeting, it said, was to explore the possibilities of placing upon a formal basis the arrangements for the purchase and sale of Straits tin for the U.S. strategic stockpile.

The announcement continued, "It was found that there were substantial difficulties, mainly of a technical nature, in the way of a formal long-term contract."

"Accordingly, no contract will be concluded for the time being, but the United Kingdom Government understands that the U.S. Government's objective in regard to the strategic tin stockpile has not been reduced and that its intention is to proceed with its programme for acquiring tin for the stockpile in an orderly fashion."—Associated Press.

ALY KHAN'S INJURY GRAVE

Lausanne, February 19.

Prince Aly Khan may not be able to walk normally for a year as the result of his skiing accident yesterday in which he broke a leg in three places, a source close to his doctor said today.

Prince Aly was rushed to the district hospital here after suffering what was described as a very complicated fracture in a mishap at Massongrat.

Experts said the length of his convalescence will depend partly on his physical condition but that he will have to stay in the hospital for at least seven weeks. He will probably not be able to walk without a cane or a limp for six to 12 months after that.

Aly's wife, the former actress Rita Hayworth, arrived from Lausanne and spent most of the day at his side. She wore a black dress and appeared to be very upset.—United Press.



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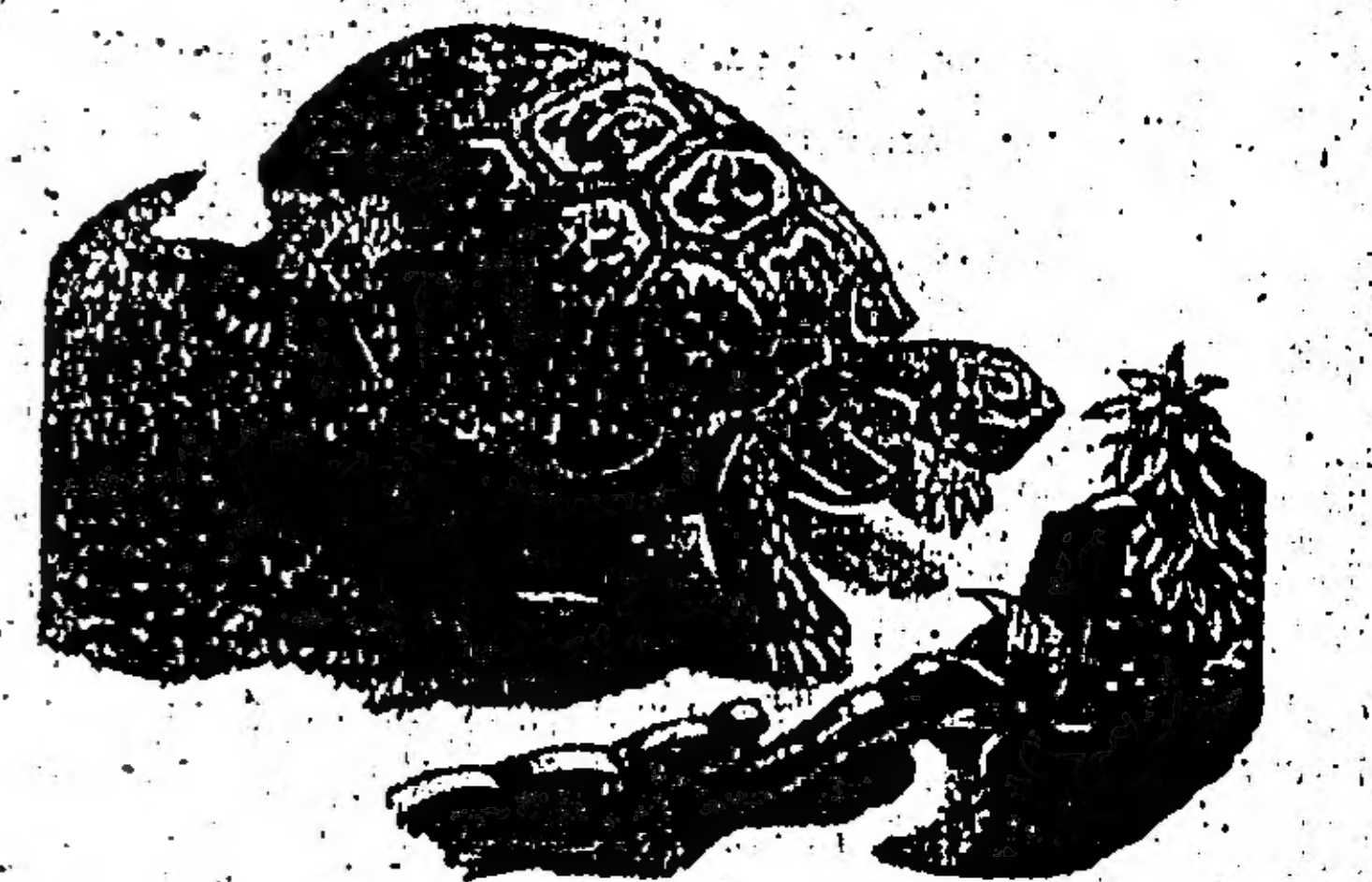
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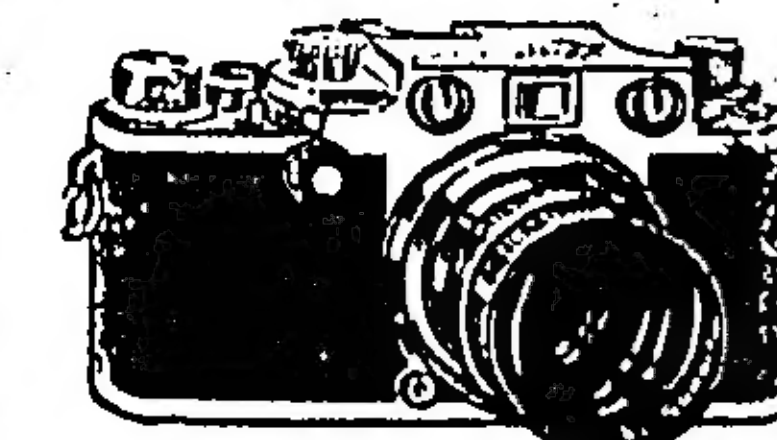
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East-West border



A patrolman of the German East Zone's people's police, rifle slung on shoulder, on duty on the zonal border near Helmsdorf, Germany. The path is in the British zone while the bushes at the left are in East Zone territory. This part of the border runs near the famous Russian check point at Helmsdorf where Berlin-bound convoys were recently held up for long periods. (Associated Press Photo).

Philip Jessup due
in New Delhi today

Madras, February 19.

Philip C. Jessup, roving American Ambassador,
left by plane today for Colombo en route to
New Delhi.

He and his party, delayed yesterday through engine
trouble in their special plane, are due to reach
New Delhi on Tuesday.

GERMAN
MINISTER
HECKLED

Berlin, February 19.

Communists cat-called and
shouted out anti-Western
slogans at a West Berlin
Party rally today when the
West German Minister of
Justice, Dr. Thomas Dehler,
addressed his comrades of
the Free Democratic
(Liberal) Party.

"We know that we cannot come
to terms with the spirit of the
East," Dr. Dehler shouted to his
interrupters.

Continuing his speech, the Min-
ister, who was severely criticised
in Germany and abroad recently
for publicly minimising Ger-
many's responsibility for the last
two wars, said that Germany must
again become a full member of
the European community with
equal rights.

For this reason the Federal Re-
public must have a stronger for-
eign policy, Dr. Dehler said.
"The world must be rid of the
notion that Germany is a destr-
oys of the peace. Germany's guilt
must not be anchored in world
history for all time."

Germany could only be free in
external affairs when she had
won her internal freedom, he said.
Those who valued freedom should
unite to overthrow tyranny.

Herr Carl Hubert Schwennicke,
the Berlin chairman of the Free
Democratic Party, thanked the
left wing interrupters for giving
a first-hand example of the dangers
which Berlin has to contend with.

He asked Dr. Dehler to invite
the whole Bonn Cabinet to Berlin
for White Sunday to give a demon-
stration of real democracy to the
500,000 Communist-led youths
who intend to stage a rally in
Berlin then.—Reuter.

REFUGEES IN
WEST PAKISTAN

Boston, February 19.

"West Pakistan is flooded with
displaced Moslems driven there
from East Pakistan by Hindus
after being tortured in ways too
terrible to describe," Sir Zafarullah
Khan, the Pakistan Foreign Min-
ister, told students here.

He spoke of difficulties arising
from the basic clash of cultures
between Moslems and Hindus and
said that Pakistan is ready to
submit the dispute over control of
the Kashmir Valley and other
problem regions to a world court
but that India is unwilling to do
so.

On a two-day speaking tour
here, Sir Zafarullah stated that
despite its difficulties his Govern-
ment is in fairly good shape with
a balanced budget.

In his law school audience were
several Pakistan students who are
studying in the United States and
were being met by the Government
of the United States.

Offensive in
Indo-China
forecast

London, February 19.
The Vietnam National As-
sembly has sent a telegram
to the Chinese People's Re-
public, announcing prepara-
tions for a general counter-
offensive which is to smash
French imperialism and
secure final victory, the New
China News Agency reported
in a message received here
today.

The telegram was sent on
the occasion of the establish-
ment of diplomatic relations
between the two countries.
It said that the Vietnamese
"have been greatly encour-
aged by the consolidation of
friendship between the Chi-
nese and Vietnamese peoples,
who are fighting side by side
against the reactionary im-
perialists in order to build
democracy."—Reuter.

KARENNI STATE
RENAMED

Rangoon, February 19.
The name of the Karenni State
in Eastern Burma will be chang-
ed, by the wishes of its inhabi-
tants, to "Kayah" in the last
week of March this year.

The Burmese President, Sao
Shwe Thaik, the Burmese Prime
Minister, Thakin Nu, and Cabinet
Ministers will all pay an official
visit to the State, which is plan-
ning a grand reception for the
distinguished visitors.—Reuter.

DONOVAN SAYS:

U.S. SHOULD ASSERT
ITSELF IN SE ASIA

New York, February 19.

The United States should assert its leadership in
South East Asia.
Major-General William Donovan, wartime head
of the Office of Strategic Services, said this
in an interview published in today's "New
York Times".

He particularly stressed that
America should buttress Indo-
nesia as an island gate between
the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

"The Indian Ocean may well
be the warm water target that
Russia has always sought", he
declared.

Major-General Donovan thinks
that the Philippines "should be
considered part of a strategic unit
that would include the Far East
as well as South East Asia.

He recommends that the United
States do these things:

- (1) Assist the Malay Penin-
sula because the sea lane between
the Peninsula and Sumatra forms
the traditional channel between
India and the remainder of the
East.
- (2) Buttress Indo-China be-
cause it is the bastion of the
Malay Peninsula and Thailand.
- (3) Reconstitute Burma as the
bulwark between China and In-
dia.

He described Indonesia as the
most important of the South-
East Asian countries which had
emerged from colonial status to
nationhood.

One commander

Its high level leadership is
anti-Communist by conviction,
he said.

Non-Communist Asians want
to be on the side of the United
States, he added.

Major-General Donovan re-
peated his suggestion that the
United States should appoint a
supreme commander or high
commissioner with authority and
discretion to carry out political
and military policies in the area.

Such a leader, he suggested,
should be authorised to employ,
if necessary, counter-measures
against acts of subversion.

He should be instructed also to
invite British, French and Dutch
co-operation in giving direction
and support to the Asian nations
concerned.—Reuter.

SYDNEY BEACH
TRAGEDY

Sydney, February 19.
A young Sydney surf life-
saver was drowned today
when trying to rescue a 16-
year-old girl in heavy surf
at Cronulla, one of Sydney's
main beaches.

He was the second lifesaver to
die in a rescue bid in Australia
this year. The first tragedy hap-
pened early in January when a
16-year-old lifesaver lost his life
during a surf carnival. The one
today occurred when a line at-
tached to the lifesaver became
entangled in seaweed.

(Australian lifesavers are mem-
bers of volunteer clubs patrolling
the beaches watching for sharks
and going to the rescue of
bathers in distress.—Associated
Press.

London, February 19.
Air Vice-Marshal Francis
Joseph Fressanges has left the
United Kingdom to take up the
appointment of Air Officer Com-
manding British Forces in Aden,
in March. The Air Ministry an-
nounced today.—Associated Press.

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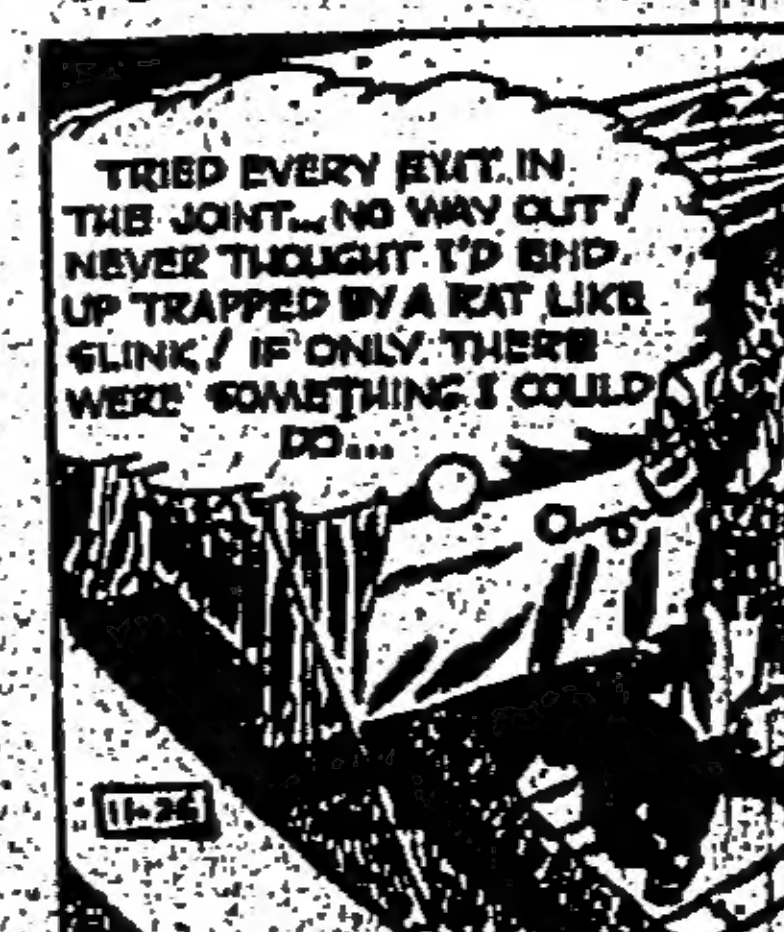
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TRADE APPROACH TO U.S. MANUFACTURERS BY PEKING REGIME

New York, February 20.

The Chinese Communists are carrying their trade offensive directly into American factories. They are jumping over political barriers and by-passing established trade channels with a direct appeal by mail to American manufacturers and exporters for a vast array of raw materials and finished products.

The North China Import Corporation of Tientsin in letters to American producers is "inviting your good selves to supply us with complete sets of catalogues and descriptive literature relating to the materials, equipment and machinery you are in a position to supply."

Bankers and businessmen in New York regard this as the first step by the Communist North China Government to cut out private Chinese business and make direct contact with American exporters.

The North China Import Corporation, according to information here, was established under sponsorship of the Chinese Communists late last year in Tientsin. A Chinese firm in Hong Kong is recommended by the import corporation as agent. The Hong Kong firm was established last year and is given a good credit rating by at least two banks.

The North China Import Corporation letter says: "This organization acting on behalf of the Chinese economic authorities has been assigned the task of developing the import trade to this country by way of direct negotiations with well-reputed exporters and manufacturers throughout the world."

The corporation lists import needs as metals, machinery, machine tools, dyes, chemicals, scientific instruments, cotton, rubber, locomotives, passenger cars, ships, planes, cable dredgers, road-making machinery, oil refinery equipment, farm implements, electric utility equipment and everything needed to build mills for flour, cotton, wool and paper, and all kinds of material for reconstruction and building up a modern industrial China.

"Sent to HK"

"Descriptive material from exporters," the letter says, "could preferably be made available to us in up to 10 copies of each issue thus enabling us to pass such valuable information on to the various industrial organizations and planning boards."

The letter says: "The material should be sent to the Hong Kong firm acting as agent, whence it will reach us by the first available opportunity. Such co-operation may soon result in the conclusion of actual transactions to our mutual benefit."

So far no reports have reached leading New York branches of American firms doing business with the Tientsin organization either directly or through Hong Kong as a result of this appeal.

There is, however, a steady private trade between American and Chinese firms, although the volume is comparatively small. Much of the business done earlier, not be traded directly to firms in the Communist-dominated areas of China because of the elastic methods used in shipping. Goods are consigned to Hong Kong or other open port. Consequently shipments go to the British port for transshipment into China, or the ship at the last minute is diverted directly into a Chinese port.

United States exports to all of China last October, the latest available figure, were only US\$200,000. The monthly average of exports last year was US\$22,800,000. There was considerable inflation in the 1948 figure because of U.S. Government aid to the Nationalists. The monthly average of American exports to China in the period 1935-1940 was around US\$4,400,000.

Many snags

Reports from the Hong Kong Government Marine Department show that more than US\$100,000,000 dollars in goods were delivered to Chinese Communist ports through Hong Kong in the seven months period ending December 31, 1949. The Chinese Nationalists started their blockade last June. Other estimates place the total at US\$200,000,000 worth of goods run past the Nationalist blockade through Hong Kong during the seven months.

New York bankers and businessmen who are aware of the North China Government's trade plan feel it will run into considerable trouble. One spot of bother is the fact that the United States Government has not recognized the Communist as the Government of China. The British recognized the Chinese Communist Government in January. The United States has gone a step further and entered into an elaborate trade agreement with the North China group. Associated Press.

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8.30—Morning Music.
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10.00—Music For All.
10.15—The Four Kalahs.
11.15—Waltz Time.
11.30—Parade of Rhythm.
P.M.
12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.
12.15—Tune Time.
12.30—Light Music.
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1.15—News.
1.30—From The Shows.
1.45—Variety Calls The Tune.
4.00—Navaltime.
4.15—Concert Favorites.
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11.15—Pianist.
11.45—Stardust.
12.00—Close Down.

Need to develop the young idea

(By "RAMBLER")

Though Hong-Kong has made great strides in the field of sports during the post-war years, conditions are still far from conducive to the development of a future generation of more proficient sportsmen.

To those interested in the Colony's sporting progress, such a state of affairs is certainly most distressing and a few observations and suggestions may perhaps be of value to those who are in a position to provide for deficiencies that now exist.

One most glaring setback to the development of sports in the Colony is the shortage of the necessary facilities. Shortage of playing fields presents the greatest problem.

This cannot be helped, because every piece of available land is utilized to solve the more pressing problem of housing shortage. Like all other human activities, that of sports should be started at an early age in order that the fullest benefits may be obtained.

The primary consideration is therefore the affording of sufficient facilities to those youngsters who are the materials of our future stalwarts.

At present perhaps only few secondary schools in the Colony can boast of playing fields of their own. To those thousands of other youngsters who are unfortunate enough to be in none of these schools, their playground is any patch of open land or the lanes.

Something Done

It is indeed gratifying to note that something at last has been done to remedy this deficiency, and an example set by the construction of a public playing field at the Southern Play-ground.

Certainly more of such playgrounds are needed, and King's Park and Happy Valley are further desirable sites for such projects.

Such projects as mentioned are certainly not to be easily carried out without support from all quarters. The financial side presents the greatest problem. It is here that the Colony's sports-loving public can do their share by supporting such laudable schemes by giving whatever support they can, should those responsible for the project.

WHITE RIBBON AT ST. MORITZ

St. Moritz, February 19. Lacedelli of Italy, today, won the famous St. Moritz "White Ribbon" downhill race, followed by his compatriot, Karl Fahrner, with 4.57 points. Switzerland won a second against Italy, comprising a downhill, a slalom, long distance and jumping. Italy carried off the long distance prize. Reuters.

Dairy Farm Arbitration

(Continued from Page 3)

Enquiry asked

Mr. Woo, Kau, one of the workers' representatives, then asked the Tribunal to make an enquiry into conditions at Pokfulam. He said that together with several colleagues he had been to the place but was refused permission to enter the cow-shed quarters. However, he had conversations with the workers, and from what he had seen and what he had heard from people living there, he could say that the quarters were below standard.

He said he had prepared a report, according to which 380 workers were involved. About 110 of them have families. Some of them erect huts adjoining a cow-shed, and lived among the straw.

Only 70 families have proper accommodation, and of these 30 have light and water.

About 20 families live on the cowsheds of cowsheds while about 10 other families erect huts of wood and tin sheets like squatters' huts.

The two dilapidated cow-sheds on Sassoon Road, near the Queen Mary Hospital, used as quarters, accommodate 12 families. There is no kitchen, no light and no water.

No boon

An Urban Council Inspector had been out to the Farm about three weeks ago, and said conditions were not sanitary.

Workers (living at or near the Farm) was for the convenience of the Company, as at any time during the night they may have to be called out for emergency duty, such as when cows give delivery to calves, or when cows get entangled in ropes or chains. It was no boon to the workers themselves.

If a worker is ill and has to seek medical attention, he is given two days leave on half pay and half allowance.

Here the Arbitrator said he would go into the question of conditions of service later, and asked that evidence on this point be held in abeyance.

"That is about all I have to say just now, and I only ask that the Tribunal will go out to Pokfulam and conduct enquiries themselves," said Mr. Woo Kau.

Tribunal had already considered the advisability of going out to Pokfulam and see the accommodations for themselves.

"I feel that enough has now been said at this hearing on the question of quarters, and if the workers wish to call evidence on this point, they may of course do so," said Professor Robertson.

The Tribunal then adjourned to 2.30 p.m. today when it will hear statements from the Dairy Farm Company on its conditions of service.

ISRAEL EXPORTS FRUIT TO U.S.

Haifa, February 19. The first consignment of citrus fruit from Israel to the U.S. is being loaded today in Haifa harbour on board the American Export Line ship Excursion.

This first experimental export to the U.S. consists of 5,000 boxes of oranges and a few hundred lemons. Associated Press.

Johannesburg, February 19. A European police sergeant was killed when police intervened in a faction fight among 100 Zulus in the Bengali location, 30 miles from Johannesburg, last night. Reuters.

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Embittered rank and file coal miners today flatly rejected John L. Lewis' official order to end their economy-wrecking strike.

Their decision to hold out left the next move squarely up to the Government.

With coal stocks down to near-crisis level, steel mills and motor car plants throughout the country ordered emergency measures to save fuel.

A poll of local United Mine Workers leaders showed that they were "mad as hell" and determined not to dig coal until a contract is signed with major operators.

The operators concede that pickings will be slim when they open the mines for work tomorrow.

"If we thought it would do any good, the miners would be glad to go back to work," said T. Scott, treasurer of an Allegheny and Ohio Coal Company local union. "I for one would rather stay out until that contract is signed, sealed and delivered."

Gold reports appear to reverse the optimistic statement by President Truman's first finding body which yesterday reported that it hoped there will be enough coal back to allay the fear of a coal crisis.

Industry observers also believe that enough miners would go back to the pits to forestall court action against the union.

However, reports from district union leaders made it virtual certain the 372,000 strikers will not go back to work.

Judge Richmond Keck holds a hearing in Washington tomorrow to decide whether the temporary anti-strike injunction should be extended to the 80-day period provided by the Taft-Hartley Law.

Most striking miners avoided no-work votes when they jammed local union halls yesterday to hear Mr. Lewis' back-to-work order.

They feared contempt action against them under the Taft-Hartley injunction outlawing the strike.

Their bitterness was heightened when negotiations between Mr. Lewis and operators were adjourned until Monday.

No chance

"That knocked any chance of back to work action right in the head," said Andy Semons, United States Steel Corporation miner at Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Scattered local unions held meetings today to consider Mr. Lewis' work order. Tom Crawford, UMW representative, believes at least some of his miners will return to work, but Mr. Lewis and his lieutenants were pessimistic.

Lawyer, UMW representative in Oklahoma, could not predict that the miners would go back to work unless they see a contract coming.

John Busch, president of District Five, made a complete check of mines in his district and could not say there will be any change in the situation.

His district covers 35,000 union members in the Pittsburgh area.

Russell Whitlock of the rail and river local at Bolinas, Ohio, does not believe any of the miners will return to work tomorrow.

"The 'keep striking' sentiment was strongest in the big steel company mines in South Western Pennsylvania," a member stalked out of a meeting and said.

"The men are so mad it's not even funny. It's damn well going to be its work without a contract."

The coal stoppage has already rendered idled 55,000 railroad and industrial workers and the figure will skyrocket this week if the strike continues—United Press.

U.S. CAR OUTPUT

Detroit, February 19.

Motor vehicle output in the United States last week totalled 117,375 units, Automobile News estimated.

It said the Chrysler strike and the coal situation are responsible for production loss of 40,000 vehicles weekly.

Associated Press.

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Washington, February 19.

The Commerce Department said today that about \$1 of every three spent by foreign nations for American goods and services in recent years was given or lent to them by the United States.

In a review of American sales abroad since the war, the Department said the total U.S. shipments of goods and services amounted to \$51,500,000,000 in the three-year period of 1946-48.

Foreign countries paid for 65 per cent of \$3,400,000,000 worth from their own resources—\$28,100,000,000 they got from sales to the United States and \$7,500,000,000 from liquidation of gold and dollar balances in other countries.

The U.S. financed \$15,400,000,000 worth of goods during that period. Private American investors provided money for \$2,100,000,000 worth and the remainder \$1,800,000,000 was paid for out of private gifts—United Press.

WARNING ON WEST GERMAN ECONOMY

Hannover, February 19.

Dr. Klaus Schumacher, West German Social Democrat leader, declared today that the West German Government had created a shop-window economy which alienated the whole world.

"Either one has the courage to plan or one accepts unemployment," he told Social Democrats in Hannover today.

"Neo-Fascism has got a chance which it would never have had if there existed social justice amongst our people," he added.

In the West German economy American dollars were not used as weapons to promote true recovery but mainly for the profit of an upper class, he further said.

Reuter.

FIAT PLANT IN AUSTRALIA

Melbourne, February 19.

The Fiat Corporation of Italy has offered to build a \$5,000,000 plant in Australia for making light cars, tractors and heavy commercial vehicles.

The venture will be financed jointly by the Fiat group and British investors. A Government spokesman said the plant will probably be in Queensland.

Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

M/V "AENEAS"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at Holt's Wharf from 10 a.m. February 22 and 23, 1950, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on February 24, 1950, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before March 19, 1950, or they will not be recognized.

No insurance will be effected.

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Hong Kong, February 20, 1950.

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Out of 81 entries for the Medal competition only one card was returned. The winner was J. J. Cowperthwaite (9) whose score was 74 per cent.

The Hong Kong University Inter-Hotel Badminton Championships which has just been concluded was won by Elliot Hall with May Hall the runner-up. The Inter-Hotel Hockey Championships was won by May Hall, defeating Elliot Hall 2-0. In the one-nil, Morrison two-nil, drawing with Lugard one-nil. Lugard Hall was the runner-up with wins over Ricci Hall and Morrison Hall and drawing with both Elliot and May Hall.

Cairo, February 19.
Greece beat Egypt by two goals to nil in a friendly soccer match here today.
The Greeks, who gave a good performance, scored the winning goal 25 minutes after the interval.

Paris, February 19.
 August Johansson and Svante Davidson, Sweden, won the doubles championship in the international indoor tennis tournament in Paris yesterday. They defeated Gianni Cuculli and Marcello Ad Ballo 6-2, 6-1, 6-0, 6-3. In the women's finals, Madamemoiselle Hal and Mademoiselle A. M. France, defeated Mademoiselle M. Dubois and Mademoiselle M. Fagnoulet 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

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